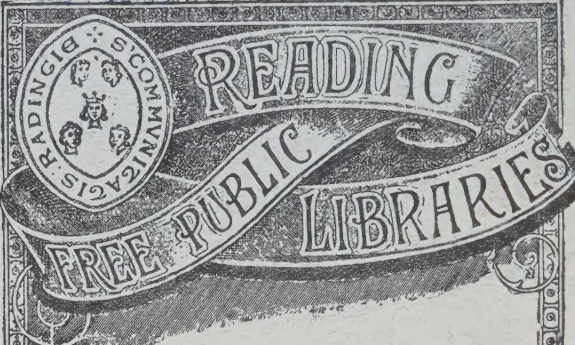




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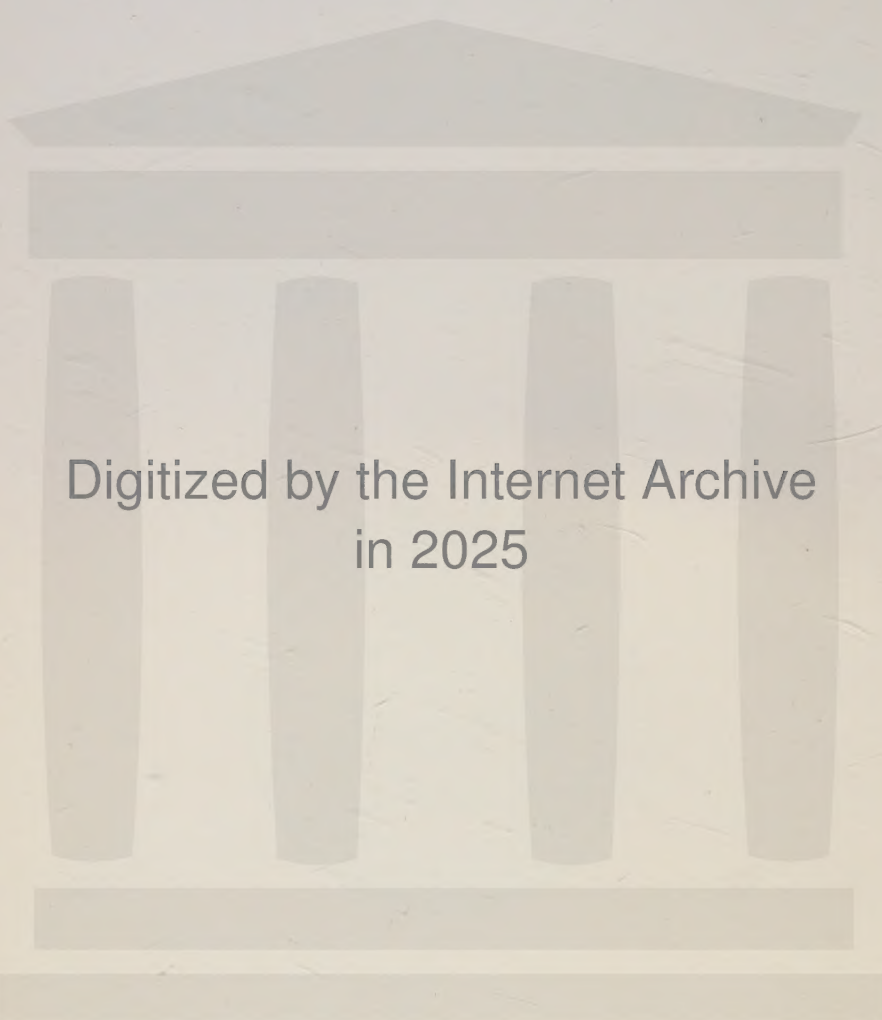
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to whom these presents shall come to be read or
and South parts of the Realme of England from the
the valiant and vertuous actions of excellent per-
memorances of their worthy deeds, among which the
colled Armes first devised and instituted to re-
bearers and diversely distributed according to the
invented to stir up and inflame the hearts of in-
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friend ELIAS ASHMOLE of the Middle Temple London Barrister
A humble and becom and heire of Thomas Ashmole gentleman who was
Justice of peace and quorum there. Wherefore having viewed and
was attested under the hand of Thomas Ashmole gentleman one of his
grandfather to the said ELIAS And being touched with a care for
due setting forth of the Armes rightly belonging to him which for di-
warre and partly for the minority of the said ELIAS at his decease
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meet and lawfull to be borne without prejudice or offence to any other
the said ELIAS ASHMOLE for his learning and skill in sundry com-
may not want a proper memoriale both of his birth and well spent time
and authority before expressed assigned given and granted and by these
Cognizance on a wreath Sable and Or the Planet Mercury collocated
heaven and left holding a Caducean Rod Or as more plainly together
and Crest by the power and authority aforesaid I do by these presents give gra-
for ever To have use beare and enjoy and shew forth at all tymes and for ever
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from the ancient and worshipfull Family of the Bonnyers of Knipersley in
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a Mullet Sable to be henceforth borne in the said Coate of Bonnyer by him
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yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second of En-
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Preface.

IN this volume will be found Part I of a collection of Grants of Arms, Crests, Confirmations, Augmentations, and Exemplifications of Arms, in the MSS. preserved for the most part in the British Museum, Ashmolean Library and Queen's College, Oxford. To these there have been added copies of some grants in The Herald's College and The Society of Antiquaries of London, and of others in the possession of the Harleian Society or of private individuals who have kindly lent them for publication. Whenever possible the copies have been made from the original grants, and in all cases they have been compared with the MS.

The majority of the grants have been made by officers in the College of Arms in the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries, but some instances will also be found of grants by Patent or by Heralds before the foundation of the College of Arms (*temp.* Richard III). There are no grants in this volume within the last hundred years.

One of the objects of the Harleian Society is to publish inedited MS. relating to Genealogy, Family History and Heraldry, and therefore, in selecting the grants to be included in this volume, the scheme at first contemplated was to exclude any previously published, as to which the reader is referred to a useful "Calendar of Printed Grants" by the late John Paul Rylands, F.S.A., published in 1900 by the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, vol. xvi, New Series, p. 221 *et seq.* It was, however, found to be desirable to extend this scheme, and in some cases I have taken the liberty, for which I hope the members of the Society will excuse me, to republish a few grants already printed. These will be generally found to be grants published perhaps some centuries ago in volumes now of limited circulation, *e.g.* Bossewell's "Workes of Armorie" (1572), Sylvanus Morgan's "Sphere of Gentry deduced from the Principles of Nature" (1661), or Camden's "Remains concerning Britain" (1674), not easily accessible to the ordinary student, or possibly hidden

away in some Magazine, County or Family History, or in the Transactions or Proceedings of some County Antiquarian Society.

A few instances of Grants by Patent or by individuals will be found in the Appendix in Part II.

I fully recognise that some of the copies are not as perfect as I could wish; manuscripts of the same grant frequently differ, but with all its imperfections I hope the volume may prove useful to the genealogist.

I desire to record my own thanks, as well as those of the Harleian Society, to the Rev. W. G. Dimock Fletcher, F.S.A., Mr. S. A. Grundy Newman, Mr. W. Bruce Bannerman, F.S.A., and others for copies of various grants and for much information and assistance in editing this volume.

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CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO THOMAS
ALBERY OF WOKINGHAM IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS.,
GENTLEMAN, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED
*10TH NOV., 1590.

[Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 13b.]

To all and singuler aswell Nobles and gentils as others to whome these presents shall come to be seene heard read or vnderstood Robert Cooke Esquire alias Clarencieux Kinge of armes and principall herald of the east west and southe portes of this realme of England sendethe greetinge in our lord god everlastinge whereas aunciently from the beginninge the verttious acts of worthey persons have beene comended to the world with sondrey monumentes and remembrances of their good descartes amongst the which the chiefest and most vsuall hathe bene the beringe of signes and tokens in shieldes called armes being evident demonstrations and testimonies of prowes and vallior diversly distributed according to the qualities and deseartes of the persons meritinge the same which order as it was prudently devised to stirre vp and enflame the hartes of men to the imitation of vertue even soe hathe the same bene continued from tyme to tyme and yet is Continually observed to the entent that such as have don commendable service to their prince or Countrye either in ware or peace may therefore receve due honour in their lyues and also derive the same successfullly to their posteritye for ever that whereas thomas albery of wokinghome in the County of barke sheer gentilman is lineally and lawfully desended by the surname of albery of an auncient howse who of long Continuance hath borne armes as appeereth by divers ancient evidences sealed with this shield of armes ti witt a crosse ingrayled betwene foure byrds, and he not knowing certainly of the trew collers of the said shields of armes, hath required me the said Clarencieux King of armes to sett forth vnder my hand and seale of office the said auncient armes as he may lawfully beare them without offence of any other person or persons where vpon I have made searche

* This date has been altered from '10' in figures to 'IX' in darker ink.—[Ed.]

in the regesters and records of my said office and do finde that he may lawfully beare the saide auntient armes in these Collers hereafter folowing that is to saye *the field silver a crosse ingrayleld betwene foure stokedowes azure* and for that I finde noe crest to the same armes as comonly to the most avntient armes there is none I have thought good to assigne vnto these his avntient armes, this crest or Cognoysance heareafter folowing to wyt *vppon the hearme on a wreathe silver and azure a stokedowe azure houlding in his beake a branche of hawes vert, the beryes gules, mantled gules doubled silver* as more playnley appereth depicted in this margent: which armes and crest or cognoysance I the said Clarencieux King of armes by power and athorityte to me commytted by letters patentes vnder the great seale of england, doe ratifie confirme give graunt and alowe vnto the said thomas albery gentilman and to his posterity for ever: and he and they the same to vse beare and shew forth at all tymes and in all plases hereafter accordinge to the auntient lawes of armes without impediment lett or interruption of any person or persons In witness whereof I the said Clarencieux King of armes have hearevnto subscribed my name and lykewise put the seale of myne office the xth day of novembere in the yeare of oure lorde god 1590 and in the 32th yeere of the reigne of our most gracious sovveraigne lady Queene Elizabeth.

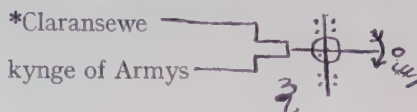
Robbert Cooke Alyas Clarencieux
Roy D'armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO JOHN ALEYN OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,
BY ROGER LEIGH, CLARENCEUX, DATED 7TH MAY, 32
HENRY VI [1454].

[Copied from a seventeenth century folio MS. (formerly in the Aston Library)
by Thos. Penson, Arms painter, now in the possession of the Rev. W. G. D.
Fletcher, F.S.A.]

To alle true cristen people thise p'sent tres seing or hering humble Recomendacion by me Clarencewe king of armes of the South march seruant of armes. It is soo that many psones been moeved of noble and gentile to rage to ex^rcise vertuous mañs and condicions by the which w^t goddes grace shall come to the pfeccion of grete honour. Of which psones oone in especial whos name is John Aleyn of the shire of Buckingham tenderly praying and requyring me the said Clarencewe king of Armes to serche for the Armes of the seid John. Whereupon I the said Clarencewe king of Armes atte prayer instaunce and request of the said John have made herein due serche and founde the right armes of the seid John as his progenitours out of mind haũ borne hem that is to sey *quartley in the first quarter siluere & sinoble paled of iiij peeces iiij Cressantes counterchaunged, in the second quarter Asure iiij cgles of golde membered of silũe crowned of gowles*. Which armes I the seid Clarencewe King of Armes conferme unto the seid John and wⁿesse here that noe psone wⁿin the Raume of England ought for to bere hem but the seid John and the heirs of his body lawfully begaten. In wⁿesse wherof to thise tres I have sette my seall of armes and my signe

manuell The vijth day of May The xxxijth yere of the reigne of kyng Herry the sext.



GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN ALFREY OF BY
JOHN SMERT, GARTER, 1ST MARCH, 1459-60.

[Harl. MS. 4900, fo. 16b.]

(*French.*)

To all those who shall see or hear these present letters John Smert otherwise called Gartyer King of Arms of the English greeting and all humble recommendation. Equity requires and reason ordains that men virtuous and of noble courage be rewarded for their merits by renown and that not only their persons in this mortal life so brief and transitory but after them those who shall issue and be procreated of their bodies may be in all places of great honour perpetually shining before others by certain signs and shows of honour and gentility. That is to say of blazon helmet and crest in order that by their example others may the more endeavour perseveringly to spend their days in feats of arms and other virtuous works to attain renown of ancient gentility in their line and posterity. And therefore I Gartier King of Arms abovesaid who not only by common renown but also by the report and testimony of other noble men worthy of credence am truly advertised and informed that John Alfrey has long pursued feats of arms and as well in this as in other his affairs has borne himself valiantly and conducted himself honourably so that he has deserved well and is well worthy that henceforth perpetually and for ever he and his posterity may be in all places honourably admitted renowned counted numbered and received among the number and in the company of other ancient gentle and noble men And for the remembrance of this his gentility I have devised ordained and assigned to the said John Alfrey for him and his heirs the blazon helmet and crest in the manner which follows. That is to say *ung esen de six pointz de sable et dermyns a trois colz de signe dargent rasez membres de gueulez et couronnez parmy chün dune couronne des enchainez de mesmes es diz pointz de sable Et le tymbre sur le haulme deux colz de signe dargent acolans lun lautre ensemble pareillement couronnez et membres a une torse dargent de sable et de gueulez emmantelle de meismee double dargent ci comme la picture en la marge cy devant le demonstre* to have and to hold for him and his said heirs and to invest them thereof for evermore. In witness whereof I Gartier King of Arms above named have signed with my hand and sealed with my seal these present Made and given the first day of March in the year of grace one thousand four hundred and fifty nine.

(*Trick of arms in margin.—ED.*)

* Roger Leigh was created Clarenceux 8th May, 1435, and died about 1461. (Ex informatione Hon^{ble} Philip P. Cary, *York Herald*.) Some notes by the late John Paul Rylands, F.S.A., on the subject of Herald's Marks and their Seals will be found in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. v, 4th Series, p. 120 *et seq.* and p. 270 *et seq.* [ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ALEXANDER AMCOTTES
OF ASTHOPPE, CO. LINCOLN, BY SIR CHRISTOPHER BARKER,
GARTER, 5TH OCT., 1549.

[Vincent's MSS. vol. 169, pp. 12 and 13.]

To All and Singuler psons theis p'sent fres hearinge or seeinge Sr Xpofer Barker, Knighte als garter principall Kinge of Armes of Englishmen sendeth due and humble recomendaçion and greetinge. Equitie willeth & reason ordeyneth that men vertuous and of noble courage be by their merittes and good renoune rewarded in all places of honour and worship amonges other noble psons & accepted and reputed by & shewing of certayne ensignes and tokens of vertue honour & gentlenes to the entent that by their ensample others should the more perseuerantly enforce themselues to use their tyme in honourable works and vertuous deedes to purchase and gett the renoune of ancient noblenes not only for themselues but also for the ligne and posteritie of y^m descended accordinge to their demerittes and valiant actes to be taken forth and reputed amonge all nobles and gentles And albeit that Alexander Amcottes of Asthoppe in the countie of Lincolne is descended of honest lignage and also his ancestors and predecessors hath longe continued in nobilitie and bearinge armes lawfull and conuenient yet neverthesse he beinge vncertayne thereof hath therefore erred from the same the which I the said garter perceuieing after adūtismen and due prooffe of the same to him made he acknowledginge his said errour in the premisses hath required & instantlie desired me the said garter to ratifie & confirme unto him and also to register in my recordes the true Armes and blason of his said ancestors And therefore I the said Garter by virtue power and authoritie to myne office of principal Kinge of Armes annexed and attributed by the Kinge Our soueraigne Lord, I have appointed and confirmed unto the said Alexander Amcottes thes armes and crest with the appurteñts hereafter followinge viz^t he beareth *siluer a castle betweene 3 cuppes azure, in the second quarter siluer 4 barres gules ouer all a lion ramp^t sables crowned armed & langued Or, in the third quarter gules a castle gold the field dropt siluer, in the fourth quarter G. a bend siluer between 4 cotises gold upon the bend 3 scallop shelles sables, in the fift quarter siluer a bend between two cotises sables, upon the bend 3 griffethes heades raced siluer beaked gold, in the sixt quarter 3 rose garlandes gules between two cottes sables, upon his creast a squirrell couchant gules crackinge of a nutt gold set upon a wreath gold and azure, mantells sable lyned siluer buttoned gold* as more playnly appeareth depicted in this marg^t. To haue & to hold unto the said Alexander Amcottes & to his posteritie wth their due difference therein to be reuested to his honour for euermore. In witnes whereof I the said garter principall Kinge of Armes as abouesaid haue signed these p'sentes with my owne hand and hereunto haue sett the seale of myne office & also the seale of myne armes Yeouen at London the vth day of October in the yeare of our lord 1549 & in the raigne of our souaigne lord Kinge Edward the vjth by the grace of god of England ffrance & Ireland &c the third yeare.

(The quarterings would appear to be 1, Amcoats. 2. Wasthouse. 3. Ham-borough. 4. Dawtrey. 5. Sawley (or Sale). 6. Saxton.—ED.)

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO HENRY ANDERSON OF NEWCASTLE
UPON TYNE, GENTLEMAN, BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY,
DATED 3RD NOV., 1 EDWARD VI (1547).

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 432.]

To all Nobles and Gentles these p^rsent t^res reading heareing and seeing Gilbert Dethicke als. Norry principall Herald and King of Armes of the north parts of this Realme of England from ye riuer of Trent Northward sendeth due and humble Comendacons and greeting Equity willeth & reason ordayneth that men vertuous and of Noble Courrage be by their Merritts and good renowne rewarded not only their p^rsons in this mortall Life soe breife and Transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discended to be in all places of honor with other nobles and Gentles accepted and taken by certeyne Ensignes & Demonstracons of honor and Nobles To the End that by their Examples others may the more enforce themselves to haue p^rseuerance to vse their daies in feats of Armes & workes vertuous to gett the renowne of Antient Nobles in their Leignes and posterities And therefore I the said Norry King of Armes as aboue is spetified not alonly by the comon renowne but alsoe that by the reporte & witnes of diuers worthy to be taken of word and Creedence am plainly Aduertised and Enformed that Henry Anderson of the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne Gentleman is discended of a house vndefamed and in all his affaires hath vsed himselfe soe worshipfully & discreetly soe that he hath well deserued from henceforth he and his posterity to be in all places of honor with other nobles and gentells accepted numbred & taken by certeyne Ensignes & demonstracons of hon^r and nobles (that is to say) Blazen Healme & Tymbre wherefore I the said Norry King of Armes by the Authority and Power annexed attributed giuen and granted by the King our Souaigne Lords highnes to me and to my office of Norry King of Armes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale haue deuised ordained and assigned to the said Harrey Anderson Gentleman to him and his posterity the Armes and Crest in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Gould on a Cheveron gules three Oakes siluer betweene three ffalcons heads rasy sable on a Canton in Cheife sable three Martlets siluer vpon his healme on a Torse gould and sable on a faulcons head rasy sable a gut beaked & eyed gold holding in his Beake an Arrow siluer mantled guled doubled siluer* as more plainly appeareth depicted in this Margent to haue & to hold vnto the said Harrey Anderson and to his posterity and they that to vse & enioy to their hono^{rs} for euermore. In witnes whereof I the said Norry King of Armes as aboue written haue Signed these p^rsents with my hand and sett therevnto the seale of my Armes with the seale of my Office of Norry King of Armes giuen at London y^e third day of November in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord Edward ye vith by the grace of God King of England france & Ireland defender of the Faith, & in ye Earth of the Church of England & Ireland the Supream.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO RICHARD ANDREWS OF SYNTON,
CO. WORCESTER, BY SIR THOMAS WRIOTHESLEY, GARTER,
25TH MAY, 1529.

[Harleian MS. 7025, fo. 199 (original grant).]

(Copy in Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 376, gives the date as 27th March, 1529.)

(*The grant is in French.*)

To all present and to come these presents seeing and hearing, Thomas Wriothesley, Garter, Knight, principal King of Arms of Englishmen sends due humble recommendation and greeting. Equity wills and reason ordains that all men, virtuous & of noble courage, be rewarded for their merits and good renown, and not only their persons in this mortal life so brief and transitory, but also after them all those that from their bodies shall issue and procreate to be in all places of honour for ever renowned above others by certain signs & tokens of honour & of nobility, that is to wit, of Arms, Helm & Crest to the intent that by their example others shall the more enforce them to make use of their days in feats of arms & virtuous deeds to obtain the renown of ancient nobility in their line & posterity and therefore I, Garter, principal King of Arms of Englishmen, who not only by common renown but also by the report & witnessing of many noble men worthy of belief, am well advertised and informed that Richard Andrews, of Synton, in the county of Worcester, gentleman, has long pursued deeds of vertue & as well in these as in other affairs has carried himself virtuously & honourably behaved, so that he is well deserving and worthy that in future for ever, he & his posterity be in all places honourably admitted renowned & reckoned among the number & of the company of other ancient gentle & noble men. And for the remembrance of his good renown by virtue of the authority and power annexed & attributed to my said office of principal King of Arms I have devised ordered & assigned to the said Richard Andrews for him & his posterity, with their difference due, the arms, helm & crest in the manner following, that is to say: *Argent, a chevron engrailed of gules, between three mullets sable, on the chevron three quatrefoils or, pierced azure, for his crest, a greyhound's head or & sable coupé per pale, on his neck a saltire countercharged between a pellet & a bezant, seated on a wreath argent & azure mantellé gules doubled argent*, as in the illustration in the margin is shown, to have & to hold for him & his said posterity & they to use the same for ever. In witness whereof I, Garter, principal King of Arms of Englishmen have signed these present letters with my hand & sealed the same with the seal of my arms together with the seal of my office as Garter King of Arms. Given at London, 27th day of March, the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1529 & in the year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, our honoured sovereign & lord the 20th.

Sr Th. W. Garter King of Arms of the English.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO FRANCIS
 ARMAR OF BELDFORD IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBER-
 LAND, GENT., BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY, 10TH DEC.,
 1547.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 438.]

To all nobles & Gentells these present Letters reading heareing & seeing Gilbert Dethicke als Norry principall Herald & King of Armes of the north part of this Realme of England from y^e riuer of Trent northward sendeth due & humble Comendacons & greeting Equity willeth & reason Ordaineth that men vertuous and of noble Courage be by their Merritts and good renowne rewarded not alonly by their psons in this mortall Life soe breife and Transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discended to be in all places of honor with other nobles and gentles by certeyne Ensignes & Demonstracons of honor & Noblesse (that is to say) Blazen healme & Tymbre To the end that by their Ensamples others may the more Enforce themselves to haue pseuerance to vse their dayes in feats of Armes and workes vertuous to gett y^e renowne of Antient Nobles in their lines and posterities and therefore I the said Norry King of Armes as abouesaid not alonly by the comone renowne but alsoe y^t by the reporte and witesse of diuerse worthy to be taken of word and Creedence are plainly aduertised & informed that ffrancis Armar of Beldford in the County of Northumberland gent. is discended of an Antient house beareing Armes both by the father side & the mother side neuerthelesse he being vncerteyne in what sort and manner as his predecessors bare their Tymbre haue desired me the said Norry King of Armes to sett forth ratifie and confirme his said Armes and Creast due & Lawfull to be borne and therefore seeing his request soe just & reasonable by Authority and power annexed attributed giuen & granted by the King our Souaigine Lord his highnes vnder his noble great seale to me and to my Office of Norry King of Armes haue Ordained & Confirmed his said Armes and Creast in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Quarterly, on the first quarter gules on a Cheveron Siluer three demy flower de luces Azure betweene three Armes, Armed Siluer, the Armour purfled gould, the second quarter sable three boughes siluer upon his healme on a Torce Siluer & sable a hand all Armed Siluer holding a branch of Acornes stalked leaved vert, the Acornes gould, Mantled Azure doubled Siluer*, as more plainly appeareth depicted in this Margent. To haue & to hold to him & his posterity and they that to vse & Enjoy to their honor^{rs} for euermore. In witnes whereof I the sayd Norry King of Armes as aboue written haue signed these presents with my hand and sett therevnto the seale of my office of Norry King of Armes giuen & granted att London the tenth day of December in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Souaigine Lord King Edward the sixth by the grace of god of England ffrance & Ireland defend^r of the faith and vnd^r Christ in Earth the Supreame head of ye Church of England & Ireland.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO RICHARD
ARNOLD OF LONDON, HABERDASHER, BY WILLIAM SEGAR,
GARTER, DATED 31st DEC., 9 JAMES (1611).

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 117.]

To all & singuler psons to whome these p^rsents shall come William Segar principall King of Armes sendeth his due Comendacons & Greetings Know yee y^t whereas Antiently from y^e begining it hath been a Custome in all Countryes & Com^on Wealths well Governed y^t the beareing of certeyne markes in Sheilds called Armes haue been and are ye only Signes & Demonstracons either of powereste & valour in tymes of warr or of vertue Civill gou^ment and good behaviour in tymes of peace in among ye w^{ch} number for y^t I finde Richard Arnold Cittizen and Haberdasher of London a man of good name and fame & well deserueing of his Country to be disended of an Antient house and of ye Arnolds beareing Armes (y^t is to say) *gules 3 Pheons argent, [on] a cheife of ye second [a bar] nebule azure* & wanting further for an Ornament vnto his said Coate Armo^r a Convenient Crest or Cognizance fitt to be borne hath requested me ye said Garter by vertue and power of myne office to appointe him such a one as he may Lawfully beare wthout any wronging or doeing prejudice to others to w^{ch} his due request I haue accomplished & granted in Manner & forme following (vizt.) *on a helme fourth of a wreath of his Collo^rs a demy Tygar sables besuntie or holding a broad Arrow ye steele gule ye fethers & Pheaon argent* as in ye margent are depicted All which Armes and Crest I the said Garter doe by these p^rsents ratifie confirme & grant vnto ye said Richard Arnold and to his posterity for euer and he and they to beare vse & shew forth the same in Signit Sheild ensigne Coate Armo^r or other wise at his or their pleasure & liberty without Lett or Mollestacon. In witnes whereof I the sd. Garter haue herevnto sett my hand & seale of my office y^e last day of Decemb^r in ye 9th yeare of ye Raigne of our Sou^{er}aign^e Lord James by ye Grace of God King of great Brittan ffranc & Ireland Defendr &c. & of Scotland ye xvth.

GRANT OF ARMS AND ALTERATION OF CREST TO ELIAS ASHMOLE,
WINDSOR HERALD, BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, KNT., CLAREN-
CEUX, DATED 16TH MAY, 1661.

(The original, with coloured emblazonment of the arms and crest, is in a heavy frame in the Bodleian Library.—ED.)

To all and Singlar to whom theis presents shall come to be seene read or heard S^r Edward Bysshe Knight Clarenceux King of Armes of the East West and South parts of the Realme of England from the River of Trent Southwards sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Whereas the valiant and vertuous actions of excellent persons have been anciently commended to posterity with sundry monuments and apt remembrances of their worthy deserts, among which the chieftest and most vsuall have been the bearing of signes and tokens

in Shields called Armes first diuised and instituted to remaine as perpetuall testimonies and demonstrations of the worthiness of the bearers and diuersly distributed according to their qualities estates and degrees And albeit the same was prudently invented to stir vp and inflame the hearts of men to the imitation of the like vertue and noblenes, and is with noe less wisdome and pollicy continued to these daies, to the intent deserving persons might both receiue due honour in their lives and alsoe convey the same to their posterity successively for ever; Yet hath it often tymes chanced by reason of ciuill warrs invasion of enimies or otherwise through the sloth negligence or ignorance of men little regarding their duties, or else by the fatall course and revolution of yeares and infelicity of tyme which is wont to devour all things, that the memory of such well deserving persons hath been vtterly neglected laid asside and drownd in oblivion, whereby not only private families and kindreds of noble and gentle men but alsoe states of Empires Kingdomes and principalities haue been greatly blemished and obscured The due consideration whereof hath moued me the said Clarenceux to incline to the request of my worthy friend Elias Ashmole of the Middle Temple, London Barester at law and now Windsor Herald at Armes being son and heire vnto Symon Ashmole and he son and heire of Thomas Ashmole gentleman who was twice chiefe Bayliff of the City of Lichfield in the County of Stafford, and Justice of the Peace and quorum there. Wherefore having viewed and perused some writings wherevnto a Seale of Armes was affixed which Seale was attested under the hand of Thomas Ashmole gentleman one of the Uncles of the said Elias to be the Armes of the before mentioned Thomas grandfather to the said Elias, And being touched with a care for the preservation of the Birthright of the said Elias Ashmole and of the due setting forth of the Armes rightly belonging to him, which for diuers yeares partly by reason of his said fathers long imployment in the German warrs and partly for the minority of the said Elias at his decease, were almost worne out of memory. I the said Clarenceux by the power and authority comitted vnto me vnder the greate Seale of England haue assigned the same Armes vnto him that is to say *Quarterly Sable and Or, a Floure de Luce of the second in the dexter parte of the field* And whereas he the said Elias Ashmole hath been alsoe desirous to change the Crest engraved vpon the Seale of Armes of the said Thomas Ashmole his Grandfather (it being a *Greyhound curreant*) by reason of its too neere likeness to the Crests of some other families and to that end hath alsoe further requested me to assigne vnto him some other Crest or Cognizance meet and lawfull to be borne without prejudice or offence to any other I the said Clarenceux out of the greate and good affection which I beare vnto the said Elias Ashmole for his learning and skill in sundry commendable arts and sciences to me well knowne to the intent that posterity may not want a proper memoriall both of his birth and well spent tyme in diuers sorts of ingenious and good literature, haue likewise by the same power and authority before expressed assigned given and granted and by these presents doe give and grant vnto the said Elias Ashmole for his Crest and Cognizance *on a wreath Sable and or the Planet Mercury collocated in the Midle of the caelestiall Signe Gemini proper his right hand extended toward heaven, and left holding a Caducean Rod or as more*

plainly (together with the Armes before mentioned) is depicted in the margent here of Which Armes and Crest by the power and authority aforesaid I doe by these presents giue grant ratifie and confirme vnto him the said Elias Ashmole and to his Offspring forever. To Haue vse beare and enjoy and shew forth at all tymes and for ever hereafter with their due differences according to the law of Armes in Shield, Coate-armour Penon Seale Atchievements or otherwise at his and their liberty and pleasure without the lett or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever And moreover considering that the said Elias Ashmole is by Anne his mother daughter to Anthony Bowyer late of the Citty of Coventry descended from the ancient and worshipfull Family of the Bowyers of Knipersley, in Stafford-shire, the said Anthony's father being a third Son of that house, and that by the decease of John and Anthony sons to the said Anthony without yssue surviving he the said Elias hath right to quarter the Armes of yt Family. To thie end therefore that the same Armes so belonging to him may be borne with their due difference I the said Clarenceux doe by these presents assigne a *Mullet Sable* to be henceforth borne in the said Coate of Bowyer by him the said Elias and his descendants as aforesaid. In Witness whereof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes haue herevnto subscribed my name and set to the seale of my office the Sixteenth day of May in the thirteenth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c: Annoque Domini 1661.

Edward Bysshe Clarenceux
King of Armes

Seal of Clarenceux (cracked) attached.

LETTERS PATENT FOR AN AUGMENTATION TO ROGER ASTON OF
CRANFORD IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, MASTER OF
THE WARDROBE, BY THE KING, DATED 5TH SEPT., 9 JAMES I
(1611). [MS. Rawlinson, B. 102, fo. 11b.]

James by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. to all and singular who shall see these letters, greeting. Inasmuch as nothing more becomes the height of royal majesty than to confer a just reward on virtue and to display the various ornaments of honour in testimony to the same; and inasmuch as we, of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion, have created to the rank and dignity of a Knight our trusty and well beloved servant Roger Aston of Cranford in the County of Middlesex and have made the same on account of his virtues and services faithfully rendered and to be rendered to us, gentleman of our chamber and have appointed him master of our office of the Wardrobe, Know ye that, in order that there may be greater testimony of our munificence towards him, and that the honour conferred by us on him may be extended the more honour-

ably even to his posterity, we have granted *ut in avito Clypeo gentilitio suo Cantonem gestet aureum cum Angliae Rosa rubenti partita et Scotiae carduo virenti coniunctum* to be a special testimony from our royal insignia for ever. And this honourable addition we give and grant by this selfsame Warrant to the aforesaid Roger Aston, knight, his heirs and posterity lawfully begotten of his body to wear, have, keep and use on his Shield, as we have commanded it to be described and depicted* here in its own colour. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Given at our Palace of Westminster on the fifth day of September in the ninth year of our reign over England, France and Ireland the forty-fifth over Scotland.

by writ of Privy Seal etc.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS ATKINS OF HEMPSTED
IN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF GLOUCESTER, GENTLEMAN,
BY SIR CHRISTOPHER BARKER, KNT., GARTER, DATED
26TH NOV., 1548. [Stowe MS. 606, fo. 60.]

To all true Chyrsten people thesse presente letters hering or seing I Sr Xpofer Barker Knight als Garter principall King of Armes of Englysemen send due & humble Recomendation & greting equitie willet & Reason ordeyneth that men vertuous & comendable dysposition & Reving be by theyrd meryte & good Renoune rewarded & had in perpetuall memorye for theyr good name & to be in all places of honnor & worship among other noble persones accepted & Reputed by shewing of Certayne ensignes & tokens of vertue honor & gentlenes that is to say a scochen helme & Crest tokens of honor to the entent that by theyre Insample other shall the more perseuerantly enforce themselues to vse theyr time in honorable workes & vertuous deeds ffor too purchase & gett the renowne of Auncient nobles & therfore I the sayd Garter in manner aforesayd w^{ll} not allonly by the Common vulgere fflame but also by my owne knowlege & the reporte of Auncient gentlemen & others credable persons am truly enformed & aduertised that Thomas Atkins of Hemsted in the Countye & sytee of Glocester gentleman hath long contynewed in vertue & in hys Actes & all other hys demeaning hath dyscretly & worshipfully gwyded & gouerned hym selfe so that he hath deserved & ys well worthy from hence fforth to be in all places of honnor & worship Admytted & Receued in to the nomber & of the compeny of Auncient gentle & noble men & for the Remembrance & Concyderation of the same hys vertue habylle & gentlenes by vertue power & auctorytie vnto myne offece Annexed & attrbyuted by the King our sufferaign lord I haue devysed ordeyned & assigned vnto & ffor the (*sic*) Thomas & hys posteritye a scowchen wth helme & Crest lawfull & Convenient tokens of honor & worshipp in manner fflowlowing That is to wyte he bereth *argent A Crosse sables a Trasure of halfe flower de lis* betwene iiij mollets of the Crosse perced of the feld vppon his

* The trick omits most of the colours and reads: *Per chevron and azure, on a canton (of augmentation) the Rose of England and the Thistle of Scotland conjoined palewise, a mullet for difference.* The crest is: *On a wreath of the colours an ass's head coupéd proper, charged with a mullet as in the arms.*—[ED.]

Crest 2 greyhounds heads nekes indosant sylver & sables Collered & terets Counter-changed the wreth gold & gowles sett vppon a mountayne vert mantles syluer lyned sables bottoned gold as appereth in thys margent to haue & to hold vnto the sayd Thomas & hys posterity wth theire due difference therein to be Revested to hys honnor for ever more. In witnes where of I the sayd Garter principall King of Armes as aboue sayd hath sygned these wth myne owne hand & sett therto the seale of myne office & also the seale of myne Armes. yeuen at london xxvi of November in the yere of our lord god 1548, & of the Raigne of our soueraigne lord Edward the sixt by the grace of God King of England france & Ireland defender of the fayth & of the Church of England & Ireland in Earth supreamme hed.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO EDWARD
AUSTEN OF TENTERDEN IN THE COUNTY OF KENT, HIS
BRETHREN, SISTERS, AND HIS AND THEIR POSTERITY, BY
WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 12TH APRIL, 1603.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 166.]

To all and singular as well robes and Gentlemen as others to whome these present shall come. I W^m Camden Clarencieux King of Armes of the South, East & West parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward send greeting in our Lord God Euerlasting. Amonge many & sundry monument deuised by our prudent progenitors to commend the memory of men of worth & good desert to succeeding ages, it is notorious that the cheifest & most vsuall hath bin the bearing of signes in sheild commonly called Armes both as euident demonstrations of their virtues & reward of the same that for their commendable service to their Prince & Countrey in warr or peace they may in their liues receiue due honour & deriue the same after their death successiue to their posteritie. In which Respect being required by Edward Austen of Tenterden in the Countie of Kent sonne of William Austen to search & to exemplifie the Armes proper & peculiar to his name & family, I could not but condescend to his reasonable request therein & doe finde the same to be *in a Sheild Or a Cheueron gules betweene three Lyons Pawes erased & erected Sables armed Gules*, and whereas the said Armes as many others of great antiquity haue noe Crest appropriated thereunto I haue assigned this Crest *upon an hearme & wreath of his Colours A demy Roe Buck sejant Argent attired Or in a crown murall of the same mantled gules, doubled silluer*, as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margent the which Armes & Crest I the said King of Armes by power & authoritie of my office under the great seal of England doe allow confirme & ratife to the said Edward Austen to his Brethren, Sisters & to his and their posteritie to use beare and shew forth the same in Sheild Coat Armour or otherwise with their due differences according to the Auntient Lawes of Armes & Laudable Custome of England at his & their libertie & pleasure. In wittness whereof I haue hereunto sett my hand & seall of office the twelfth day of Aprill 1603. In the first year of the reign of our Soueraigne Lord James by the Grace

of God King of England Fraunce & Ireland defendor of the ffaith &c. And of Scotland the six & thirtieth.

Willm Camden Clarenceux
King of Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO EDWARD BALDWIN OF WILTON,
BEACONSFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS., AND THOMAS
BALDWIN, HIS BROTHER, BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, KNT.,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 19TH DEC., 1662.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 81.]

To all & singular vnto whom thes p^rsents shall com. S^r Edw: Bysshe K^t Clarenceux principall Herald & King of Armes of all the south east and west parts of the Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward sendeth Greeting. Wheras M^r Edward Baldwin of Wiltons in y^e pish of Beconsfield in the County of Bucks. sonne of Henry Baldwin of Guilford in y^e County of Surrey gent. and of Mary his wife Daughter & sole heire of Edward Hurst of Kingston vpon Thames in the said County gent. Now for as much as the said Edward Baldwin is reputed a person worthyly deserveing (And haueing seriously considered the premises and y^e desire of the said Edward), I doe think fit to assigne vnto him the Armes hereafter named viz^t: *Argent a Cheveron Ermines betwene three branches of Oken Leaues proper*, And for his Crest *on a helme & wreath of his Coulours a Squirrell siting Or, holding an Oken branch p^rper, mantled Gules doubled Argent*, as in the Margent more lively is depicted, which Armes & Crest I the said Clarenceux by power & authority of my Office to me Granted vnder the great Seale of England doe by thes p^rsents Assigne Give & Grant vnto the said Edward Baldwin and Thomas Baldwin his brother & the heires of their bodies lawfully begotten to be by them & every of them borne in Sheild Seale Ensigne Coate Armour or otherwise wth their due differences according to the Law of Armes for ever. In witnes &c: Dated 19th of Decemb^r, 1662. 14 Cha: 2.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO ROWLAND
BAUGHE OF TWYNINGE IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER,
GENT., BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 11TH NOV.,
1574.

[Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 51.]

To all and singular as well Nobles and Gentils as others to whome these presents shall come be seene harde read or vnderstood Robert Cooke Esqr: alias Clarenceux Kinge of Armes and principall Heralde of the East west & South Partes of this Realme of England sendeth greeting in our Lord God Everlastinge. Auntiently from the begining the vertuous Acts of worthy Persons haue bin comended to the world with sundry monuments & Remembrances of their good desertes Emongest the which the cheifest and most vsuall

hath bene the bearing of signes & tokens in shildes called Armes being Evident Demonstrations and Testimonies of Prowess & valour diversly destributed according to the Qualities and deseartes of the Persons meriting the same, which order as it was Prudently devised to stirre vp and enflame the hartes of men to the imitation of vertue euen so hathe the same ben continued from tyme to tyme and yet is continually observed to the entent that such as haue done comendable service to their Prince or Countrey either in warr or Peace may therfore receaue due honor in their liues and also deriue the same successiuey to their Posterity for euer Wherefore Know you that being required by Rowland Baughe of Twyninge in the county of Gloucester Gent. to make searche in the registers of and records of myne office for the armes and Crest of the said Rowland Baughe, I haue there uppon made search Accordingly and doe finde by the said recordes and by diuers other evidences and monuments, that the said Rowlande Baughe may lawfullye beare as his father and other his Auncestors heretofore hath borne this Coate of Armes hereafter folowing, that is to say: *ye field gules A fesse varrey betwene 3 Mollets Siluer*, and for that I finde noe Crest or Cognisance to the same Armes belonging as to many antient Armes there is none, I the said Clarencieux Kinge of Armes haue assigned and appointed vnto the said Rowland Baugh Gent. this Crest & Cognisance hereafter Following: That is to say *vppon the hearme in A crowne Gould A hound seant sables manteled gules Doubled Argent* as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margin, which Armes and Crest or Cognisance I the said Clarencieux Kinge of Armes by Power and authoritie to me comytted by Letters pattents vnder the great Seale of England, doe giue grant ratifie Confirme and Alowe vnto the said Rowland Baughe Gent. and to his posterytie for euer, and he and they the same to haue hould use beare enjoye and shew forth att all tymes hereafter accordinge to the Auncient Lawes of Armes without the Impediment lett or Interruption of any person or persons, in witness whereof I the said Clarencieux King of Armes haue hereunto subscribed my name and likewise put the seale of myne office the 11 day of Nouember in the yeare of our lord god 1574 and in the 21 (*sic in MS.*) yeare of the raigne of our most Gracious Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of god Queene of England France & Ireland Defender of the faith.

Roß Cooke Claren̄
King of Arms.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN BAYLY OF HODDESDON IN
THE COUNTY OF HERTFORD, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH FEB., 1634.

[Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 50b.]

Too all and singuler as well noblemen and Gentlemen as others to whome these presents shall come Sr Richard St George Knight Clarenceux Kinge of Armes of the South, west and East parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth greeting &c: whereas Auntiently for the

preservation of the Desents of Families setting forth there Armes and Atchievements Emperors Kings and Princes in their seuerall Kingdomes instituted Kings and Herald's of Armes persons conuersant in millitarie affaires to the end they might the better take notice of and truly record the memorable actions of Deseruing men that thereby there memory might bee Continewed to posterity: And haueing at this time receaued testimony of the worthiness of John Bayly of Hoddesden in the Countie of Hertford to be a man that Liueth in reputation and good fame insomuch as he Deserueth to be ranked and esteemed amongst Gentlemen of quallity which particuler I haue taken into serious Consideration and vpon good Deliberation haue thought fitt for the reasons aforesaid and for the encouragement of others to follow and imitate uertue to Assigne unto him some such Carracters of honor by which hee may bee Distinguished from the vulgar sort of people and thereupon haue assigned unto him this Coate and Creast ensewing, vidz^t *Argent three Torteuxes and a cheife Gules and for his Creast a horse head Coupy Argent mained or standing upon a Crown of flower de lizes or*: as more plainly appeareth depicted in the Margent the which Armes and Creast I the said Sr Richard St George Knight Clarenceux doe hereby ratify confirme and grant unto the said John Bayly and to the seuerall descendants of his body for euer bearing there due Differences according to the lawe of Armes. In wittness whereof I haue hereunto set my hand and seale of my office this 16 of February 1634 being the 10 yeare of our soueraigne Lord King Charles.

Richard St George Clarenceux
King of Armes.

PATENT OF NOBILITY AND GRANT OF ARMS TO FRANCIS BEAUFORT
BY JOSEPH, EMPEROR OF THE ROMANS, DATED AT VIENNA,
4TH MARCH, 1710. [From a MS. in Latin in the possession of the
Harleian Society.]

Joseph, by Divine favor and clemency elected Emperor of the Romans, always Augustus, King of Germany, Hungary, Bohemia, Dalmatia, Croatia, and Slavonia, Archduke of Austria, Duke of Burgundy, Brabant, Styria, Carinthia, Carniola, Margrave of Moravia, Duke of Luxemburg, and of Upper and Lower Silesia, Würtemberg and Teck, Prince of Suevia, Count of Hapsburg, Tyrol, Pfirt, Kyburg and Goritz, Landgrave of Alsace, Margrave of the Holy Roman Empire of Burgovia and of Upper and Lower Lusatia, Lord of the March of Sclavonia, Pordenone and Thorenburgh.

To Our trusty Francis Beaufort beloved of Us and of the Holy Roman Empire, Leader of the equestrian troops among the ranks of Confederate Belgium our Imperial favor and all goodwill.

In proportion as human life is bounded by narrower limits so much the more is it becoming for each to endeavour to make amends for the expenditure of nature by the dexterity of natural genius, and leave it to be testified that he has not lived for himself only, but for posterity also, and has been an ornament in all things; for those alone seem to enjoy life, the remarkable merits of whose valor when alive and when dead the eternal memory of whose achievements

really commend: but because the glory of true praise (which indeed is by far the greatest of all) unless conferred by great Princes, belongs to few; this seems to be the chief case as appertaining to the Office and Dignity of the Emperor; to see that men worthy of praise and who have deserved well, and those especially who have already produced proofs of their valor should be rendered more and more conspicuous by the deserved rewards of dignities.

Since therefore we graciously understand, Francis Beaufort, that thy family has been long ago conspicuous among the nobility in the land of France, and that thy Ancestors have been ordinarily accounted Noble in those parts, moreover that they have been appointed to the more princely offices as well civil as military but that thou by reason at one time of the continual harassing of the Protestants, and at another on account of a remarkable desire to deserve well of Us and of the Holy Roman Empire hast emigrated from thy country into Holland, and under the banners of Confederate Belgium as well as in the former as in the late war against France, hast borne the command of the Equestrian troop, with fortitude of mind, in that which should become a brave soldier, and that thy two sons also, of whom the one has been appointed by the King of Prussia to the rank of Captain, the other to that of Lieutenant, have done successful service against the enemies of the Empire; and as we have so little doubt that thou, Francis Beaufort, wilt again in future constantly persevere in thy faithful and loyal purpose towards Us and the Holy Roman Empire and our Allies, we have thought it proper to be done by us that We should bear gracious witness to thy readiness of will by some signal proof of Our favor, that may be to thee, thy sons, and remote posterity not only for an honour and embellishment, but also for an incitement to a greater desire of bravery and never-perishing fidelity.

And therefore by Our own motion, from certain knowledge and wise counsel assenting, from the plenitude of Our Imperial power we take, raise, and assemble thee, the aforesaid Francis Beaufort, and all thy children, heirs posterity and descendants legitimately born and to be born to infinity, males and females, among the number, assembly and community, rank, grade and dignity of Shield-bearing Nobles of Our Holy Roman Empire and of Our other hereditary Kingdoms and Dominions, and we declare and name you all and singular of whatever condition of human life Noble as if born of noble lineage, house, and family; and so We will that by all and singular of whatsoever station, grade, rank, condition, dignity, or pre-eminence they may be, you shall be called, named, held, and reputed for True Nobles. Decreeing that in all places and lands, as well in suits as in all other matters whatsoever spiritual and temporal, Ecclesiastical and profane; also in all and singular deeds and employments you shall have power and be able to use, enjoy, possess and rejoice in the same honours, offices, rights, liberties, favors and benefits which Our other Shield-bearing Nobles by descent from four paternal and maternal Ancestors of Our Holy Roman Empire or of any other of Our hereditary Kingdoms and Dominions, use, enjoy, possess and rejoice in by any usage or law whatsoever.

But that there may be extant a perpetual testimony of this Nobility of thine, and that it being decorated by a fuller benefit may abide more clearly before

the eyes of men, We by Our Imperial authority have named, approved and confirmed even as by the tenour of these presents we do name approve and confirm the aforesaid honours to thee, Francis Beaufort, and all thy legitimate children, heirs, posterity and descendants of either sex, born and to be born of thy family *ad infinitum* and after this mode which follows we concede and bestow that they be held and borne perpetually from this time forth, viz: *A plain shield of arms, the field azure, showing a fortress argent, the stones being intermarked with the lines of the mort mason's work topped with three battlements from the middle of which issues a Virago from the waist upwards, in a golden garment with a red girdle, bareheaded, showing in her extended right hand a mirror: Upon the shield rests a tilting helmet placed obliquely, crowned by a twisted wreath of azure and silver alternately, from which issues the fortress of the shield with the Virago between a pair of extended wings, the dexter parted azure and or, the sinister argent and azure; moreover the fortress in the Shield seems to be assumed in allusion to the name Beaufort; the mantlings: dexter, argent and azure, interlaced, but the sinister, or and azure; just as all this can be seen in the middle of this our Diploma most ingeniously set forth by the industry of the painter with his colours.*

Desiring and firmly decreeing, that thou, the aforesaid Francis Beaufort, and all thy children, heirs posterity and descendants legitimately born and to be born in perpetual succession, males and females equally, shall from henceforth freely and without impediment in the manner of other helmeted or shield-bearing Nobles or Esquires perpetually possess and have a right to wear and bear the Arms and signs of Nobility just now described, and approved and Confirmed by us in all honourable and becoming deeds exercises and expeditions, as well in earnest as in jest, in games with halberts, or in skirmishes with spearmen, in battles of infantry or cavalry, in single combat or contests of any kind whatsoever, at a distance, or hand to hand, on shields, banners, ensigns, tents, cenotaphs, tombs, monuments, precious things, rings, neck ornaments, signets, buildings, walls, windows, doors, ceilings, tapestry, and furniture of any kind whatsoever, as well in things spiritual as in matters temporal mixed, in all places, in matters of necessity and by your free choice, and to use the same in any manner you please. Also, that ye may be fit and worthy to enter upon and receive all these favors, liberties, exemptions, feudal rights, privileges, exemptions from offices, and burthens of whatsoever kind real, personal or mixed, and finally to use all the rights in which others invested by Us and the Holy Roman Empire with this kind of distinction and feudality share and are able to use, enjoy, possess, and rejoice in, in whatsoever manner it may be in accordance with Custom or law.

Moreover, wishing to show to thee, Francis Beaufort, Our more abundant favor and to enhance thy Nobility with another embellishment we have made conceded and granted this special favor also to thee and to all thy children, heirs posterity, and legitimate descendants male and female to infinity, and by the tenor of these presents we grant and bestow that for the future you may be able and shall have a right to call *de Beaufort*; and by others also shall be so named and called as well in writing as *vivâ voce*.

For which reason we seriously charge and direct all and singular the Electors of Our Holy Roman Empire and other Princes Ecclesiastical and secular, Archbishops, Bishops, Dukes, Marquesses, Counts, Barons, Soldiers, Nobles, Vassals, Governors, Captains, Viceroys, Presidents, Prefects, Chatelains, Rulers, Locum tenentes, Officials, Ambassadors, King's heralds, Magistrates, Public Officers, Judges, Citizens, and in general all faithful and beloved subjects of Us and of the Holy Roman Empire of whatsoever state, grade, rank, dignity or condition they may be, that they shall suffer thee, oft-mentioned Francis de Beaufort, and all thy children, heirs, posterity, and legitimate descendants *ad infinitum* of either sex, in peaceful undisturbed manner, and without any impediment or molestation whatsoever to use, enjoy, possess, and rejoice in all the privileges and favors universal and special to which you and they have a right by the Strength of this Our Diploma in all that is above: and that they shall also defend and maintain you singly and generally, and if on the contrary any shall attack or plot against you they shall with their forces hinder and prohibit it; but if any person now shall attempt to transgress this Our Imperial Edict in any place, or with audacious intent shall try to violate it, he shall know that as often as anything shall be done against this page of Our Creation, concession, liberality, and favor, he will irremissibly incur besides Our heaviest displeasure and that of the Holy Roman Empire a fine of fifty marks of pure gold to be paid to the exchequer or our Imperial Treasury, and equally for the use of him or them who may have suffered or are about to suffer the injury.

In attestation of these documents written under Our Hand, and to which our Imperial Seal is appended for security. Given at Our City of Vienna in this fourth day of March, Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and ten in the twenty first year of our Roman, the twenty third of our Hungarian but the fifth of Our Bohemian reign.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO THOMAS
BELAMY OF DATCHETT, CO. BUCKS., BY ROBERT COOKE,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 17TH SEPT., 1571.

[MS. Ashmole 840, fo. 395.]

To all and singular as well nobles and Gentlemen as others to whome these presents shall come Robert Cooke Esquier alias Clarencieux principall here-hault and Kinge of Armes of the Sowth Est and west partes of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southwardes sendeth greetinge. That wheras aunciently from the beginninge the valiaunt & vertuous actes of worthy psons have ben comended to the Worlde with sondry monum^{ts} and remembrances of their good deserts Emongest the which the cheefest & moste vsuall hath ben the bearinge of signes in shildes called Armes which are evident demonstracons of prowes & valoir, to y^e ende that such as by their vertues do shew forth to the advancem^t of the comon weale the shine of their good life & conversacon in daily practise of things worthy & comendable maye therefore both receave due honor in their lives and also derive the same successively to their

posterity after them. And being required of Thomas Belamy of Dackliett in the Countie of Buckingham Esquier seconde sonne to W^m Belamy of Harrow of the Hill in the Countie of Midelsex Esquier sone & heire of Richard Belamy of Harrow aforesaid Esquier to make search in the Registers and Recordes of my Office for the aunciente Armes belonging vnto that name & familie wherof he is descendid Wherevpon I have at his request made serche accordingly so that findinge the said Armes lawfully vnto him descendid I coulde not without his greate preiudice assigne vnto him any other then those which are vnto him descendid from his auncestors, That is to saye *quarterly in the firste for Belamy vert on a bend cotized golde thre cressents gules, in the second for Boys silver two Barres a Canton gules a Baston in Bende sables, in the thirde for Goodlack p'fesse asur and golde a Lion rampant counterchanged, in the fourth for Nyx golde a cheveron between thre Leopards hedds gules.* And for that I finde no Crest vnto the same as commonly vnto all auncient Armes there belongeth none I have geven vnto him by way of Encrease for his Creaste or Cognisance *vppon his Healme on a wreath golde & vert knelinge on a Moient vert a woodwist or wildeman in his proper cooler yeldinge vp his Clubbe golde manteled gules doubled silver* as more playnly apperith depicted in this Margent. The which Armes & Creaste & every parte & pcell therof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes (by power and auctoritie to my Office annexed & graunted by Letters Patents vnder the greate seale of Englande) do ratifie confirme & allowe vnto the saide Thomas Belamy and to all his Britherne with their due differences and they the same to vse beare and shew in shilde Cotearmour or otherwais at his and their libertie and pleasure, and to the posteritie of either of them without impediment let or interrupcion of any pson or psons. In witnes whereof I the said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes have set herevnto my hande & seale of Office the seventeenth daye of Septembre in the yere of oure Lord God a Thowsand five hundreth seventy & one, & in the thirteenth yere of the reigne of oure Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Quene of England France & Ireland defendor of the faith &c:

Rob^t Cooke alias Clarencieulx
Roy Darmes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JAMES BELLAERS OF STAMFORD
AND UFFINGTON, CO. LINCOLN, GENTLE, BY THOMAS
BROWNE, GARTER, AND RALPH BIGLAND, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 30TH APRIL, 1776.

(This and the three following grants were copied from the originals, in the possession of the late Colonel Bellairs.—Ed.)

To all and Singular to whome these Presents shall come Thomas Browne Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms and Ralph Bigland Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas James Bellaers of Stamford in the County of Lincoln and of Uffington in the said County Gent. Son of James Bellaers of St. Martin's Stamford Baron in the County of Northampton Gent:

deceased hath represented unto the Right Honorable Richard Earl of Scarborough Deputy with the Royal Approbation to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England that being uncertain of any Armorial Ensigns of Honor pertaining to his Family and unwilling to use any without unquestionable Authority did request the Favor of his Lordship's Warrant for our granting and assigning to him and his Descendants and to the Descendants of his Father James Bellaers aforesaid Gent: deceased such Arms and Crest as he and they may lawfully bear and use and that the Same may be registered with the Gentry of this Kingdom in the Herald's Office. And his Lordship having by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the eighteenth day of April instant Authorized and directed Us to grant and assign to the said James Bellaers such Arms and Crest accordingly. We therefore the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the Consent of the said Earl of Scarborough and by Virtue of the Letters Patent of our several offices to each of us respectively granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain have devised and do by these Presents grant and assign to the said James Bellaers the Arms following that is to say *Quarterly Gules and Azure a Lion rampant Argent ducally crowned, in chief two Garbs Or ; And for the Crest, on a Wreath of the Colours A Horse's head Couped Argent, in the Mouth a Leaf of Oak Vert.* As the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said James Bellaers and his Descendants and by the Descendants of his Father James Bellaers aforesaid with their due and proper differences according to the Ancient Practice and Laws of Arms without the Let or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of our several Offices this thirtieth day of April in the sixteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc. and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

Thomas Browne, Garter

Ralph Bigland, Clarenceux

Principal King of Arms. (Seal)

King of Arms.

(Seal)

Heralds' Coll. Grant Book, xiii, 189.

[There is no motto on this Grant.—ED.]

GRANT OF ARMS TO ABEL WALFORD BELLAERS OF STAMFORD,
CO. LINCOLN, ESQUIRE (ALTERATION IN COAT AND WALFORD
QUARTERING), BY RALPH BIGLAND, GARTER, AND ISAAC
HEARD, CLARENCEUX, DATED 9TH MARCH, 1782.

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Ralph Bigland Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms and Isaac Heard Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas Abel Walford Bellaers of Stamford in the County of Lincoln Esquire hath represented unto the Right Honorable

Thomas Earl of Effingham Deputy with the Royal approbation of the Most Noble Charles Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England that he is the eldest son of James Bellaers of Uffington in the said County Esquire by Mary his first Wife eldest of the two daughters and coheirs of Abel Walford late of Birmingham in the County of Warwick, Gent., deceased and being desirous of having some alteration made in the Armorial Ensigns of his Family requested the Favor of his Lordship's Warrant for our devising and confirming such Alteration to be borne by him and his two brothers John and James Bellaers and by his other Descendants respectively and exemplifying at the same time the Arms of Walford *Argent a fess and in Chief a Lion passant Gules* to be borne by the Descendants of his said Mother and by those of her only Sister Susanne late Wife of John Clark of London, Gent., according to the Laws of Arms. And forasmuch as his Lordship did by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the second day of March instant authorize and direct Us to devise and confirm such Alteration as may be proper in the Arms of Bellaers and to exemplify those of Walford accordingly.

Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the consent of the said Earl of Effingham and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our several Offices to each of us respectively granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain do by these Presents grant and Confirm to the said Abel Walford Bellaers the Arms following, that is to say *Quarterly First and Fourth Argent a Cross Gules, on a Chief Azure an Eagle displayed between two Cross Crosslets fitchy Or for Bellaers, Second and Third Argent a Fess and in Chief a Lion passant Gules for Walford and for the Crest Out of a mural Crown Or a Demi Lion rampant Gules in the Paws a Staff proper thereon a Banner displayed of the Arms of Walford* as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Abel Walford Bellaers and his Descendants and by his Brothers John and James Bellaers and their Descendants and the Coat of Walford above described to be borne also by the Descendants of Susanna Clark aforesaid according to the Laws of Arms without the Let or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices this ninth day of March in the twenty-second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. and the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

Ralph Bigland, Garter
Principal King of Arms. (Seal)

Isaac Heard, Clarenceux
King of Arms. (Seal)

Motto: Nihil Sine Cruce.

Heralds' Coll. Grant Book, xv, 26.



ALTERATION OF CREST (GRANTED 9TH MARCH, 1782) TO ABEL WALFORD BELLAERS OF STAMFORD, CO. LINCOLN, ESQ., BY ISAAC HEARD, GARTER, AND THOMAS LOCK, CLARENCEUX, DATED 7TH APRIL, 1785.

To All and Singular to whome these presents shall come Isaac Heard Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms and Thomas Lock Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting: Whereas Abel Walford Bellaers of Stamford in the County of Lincoln Esquire hath represented unto the Most Honorable Charles Howard Esquire common called Earl of Surrey Deputy with the Royal Approbation to his Father the Most Noble Charles Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshall and Hereditary Marshal of England that he is desirous of some Alteration in the Crest which was granted by Patent 9th March 1782 and therefore requests the favor of His Lordship's Warrant for our granting such Alteration to be borne by him and his Descendants and by his Brothers John and James Bellaers and their Descendants according to the Laws of Arms. And forasmuch as His Lordship did by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the eleventh day of March last Authorize and direct us to grant such Alteration accordingly Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the Consent of the said Deputy Earl Marshal and by Virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices to each of Us respectively granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain do by these Presents exemplify and grant unto the said Abel Walford Bellaers the Crest following Viz: *Out of a Mural Crown gold a demi Lion rampant Gules holding between his paws a Cross Crosslet fitchy Or* as depicted in the Margin to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Abel Walford Bellaers and his Descendants and by his said Brothers John and James Bellaers and their Descendants with due and proper Differences according to the Laws of Arms without the Let or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices the seventh day of April in the twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc: and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Isaac Heard, Garter

Principal King of Arms (Seal)

Thomas Lock, Clarenceux

King of Arms. (Seal)

Heralds' Coll. Grant Book, xvi, 15.

Memorandum.—The within named Abel Walford Bellaers Esquire and his Brother James Bellaers now write their Names—Bellairs as appears by an entry made in the Register marked 7th D14, fo. 40, in the Herald's Office London. Witness my Hand this 22nd day of July 1788—Ralph Bigland Richmond Herald.

ALTERATION OF ARMS (GRANTED 9TH MARCH, 1782) TO ABEL WALFORD BELLAERS OF STAMFORD, CO. LINCOLN, ESQ., BY ISAAC HEARD, GARTER, AND THOMAS LOCK, CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH MAY, 1786.

To All and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Isaac Heard Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms and Thomas Lock Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas Abel Walford Bellaers of Stamford in the County of Lincoln, Esquire hath represented unto the Most Honorable Charles Howard Esquire commonly called Earl of Surrey Deputy with the Royal Approbation to his Father the Most Noble Charles Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and hereditary Marshal of England that he is desirous of having some Alteration made in the Arms granted to him by Patent dated 9th March 1782 under the Hands and Seals of Ralph Bigland Esquire Garter Principal King of Arms and Isaac Heard Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms, and therefore requested his Lordship's Warrant for our granting such Alteration to be borne by him and his Descendants, and for exemplifying and assigning in the same Patent such Arms as may be proper to be placed on any Monument to be erected to the Memory of his late Grandmother Catherine Daughter and Heir of John Lea of Braceborough in the County of Rutland Gentleman by Catharine his Wife Daughter and Heir of Foote and quartered by her Descendants according to the Laws of Arms. And forasmuch as his Lordship did by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the seventh day of March last authorize and direct Us to grant and assign such Arms accordingly. Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the consent of the said Deputy Earl Marshal and by Virtue of the Letters Patent of our several Offices to each of us respectively granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain do by these Presents grant and assign to the said Abel Walford Bellaers the Arms following, that is to say, *Quarterly first Ermine a Lion rampant Gules, on a Chief engrailed Sable a Leopard's face between two Cross Crolets fitchy Or for Bellaers, second, Azure a Cheveron Erminois between three Griffins passant Gold for Lea, third, Gules a fess vair Erminois and Azure between three Escallops Argent for Foote, fourth, the Coat of Walford and on a Helmet of his degree, the Crest of his Family* as the same are in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Abel Walford Bellaers and his Descendants with due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms without the Let or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed our names and affixed the Seals of our several offices this sixteenth day of May in the twenty-sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc: and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

Isaac Heard, Garter
Principal King of Arms. (Seal)

Thomas Lock, Clarenceux
King of Arms. (Seal)

Motto: Virtus Tutissima cassis.

Memorandum—The within named Abel Walford Bellaers Esquire now writes his name Bellairs as appears by an Entry made in the Register marked 7th D14, fo. 40, in the Herald's office, London.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of July 1788.

Ralph Bigland,

Richmond Herald.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO NICHOLAS BENNETT,
GENT., CITIZEN AND HABERDASHER, OF LONDON, BY SIR
RICHARD ST. GEORGE, KNT., CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH
JUNE, 1633. [Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 130.]

To all and singuler as well Nobles and gentlemen as others to whome theise p^rsents shall come, Richard St George Knight ats Clarencieux principall herauld & King of Armes of all the South East and West parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent sendeth greeting in our Lord God. Know yee that wheras aunciently it hath beene a custome and to this day is continued that all Estates and degrees haue beene and are Knowne each from other by sundry marks & Ensignes called Armes wherby they might not only bee distinguished from the vulger sorte, but also demonstrate the worthiness which the bearers therof had atcheiued either by their valour in the feild in tyme of warre or by their virtuous endeauors in the comon wealth in tyme of Peace, w^{ch} order was most prudently deuised in the beginning to stirr & inflame the Hearts of men to the imitation of vertue and noblenes, euen so it hath beene, & to this tyme is obserued: to the end that such as haue done comendable seruice to there Prince or Contrie either in warre or Peace might receiue due honour in their Liues, and also deriue the same successiue to their Posterity after their deaths for euer. And being required by Nicholas Bennett gent: Cittizen & haberdasher of London to make search in the Registers and Recordes of myne Office for the Armes of his Auncestours and to assigne it vnto him with such difference as hee may Lawfully beare them, vpon whose iust and lawfull request I haue condiscended vnto, and haue made search accordingly: And finding him to bee the sonne and heire of Nicholas Bennett of Madingleigh in the County of Cambridge gent: and of Mary his wife daughter of John Dauncy a Captaine at Callis in the tyme of Queene Mary, which Nicholas was sonne and heire of John Bennett of Madingleigh aforesayd, And therfor I do herby publish and declare his Armes to bee *Sable a Cheueron Ermynois, betweene three demy Lyons rampand or, rasie gules, armed and langued of the same*, and furthermore for any addition to this his sayd Coate of Armes (to make it vp compleate) I haue deuised this Creast hereafter following, that is to saye, *on a wreath of his Colours or & sable a sworde proper sanguined, pomell and hilt or, betweene two Angells wings perpendicularly erected argent, mantled gules doubled argent* as in the margent more liuely

are depicted. All which Armes and Creast and euery part and percell therof I the sayd King of Armes by power and authoritye to mee co[m]mitted vnder the great seale of England do ratifie, confirme, giue and graunt, vnto and for the sayd Nicholas Bennett, and to his issue and posterity for euer, obseruing theire due and lawfull differences, And they the same to enioy vse beare and sett forth in Ensigne, Sheild, Penon, Coate Armour seale or otherwise, without lett or molestation of any person or persons whatsoever. In wittnesse wherof I haue herunto sett my hand & seale this 24th of June, one thousand six hundred, thirty-three, and in the ninth yeare of the Reigne of our most gracious Souereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of great Brittainne ffrance and Irland defender of the faith &c.

Ri: St George Clarenceux
King of Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM BENNETT OF HIGH
ROODING, CO. ESSEX, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, KNT.,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 1st APRIL, 1 CHARLES I.

[Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 207.]

To all and singular parsons as well nobles and gentilmen as others to whome thes p^rsente shall come Sr Richard St George Knight, Clarenceux Kinge of Armes of y^e south est & west partes of y^e Realme of England from y^e River of Trent Sowthward sendeth greeting. Know yee y^t whearas aunccyently from y^e beginninge, y^e vertuous actes of worthe p^rsons, Haue bene comended to y^e world with sundry monuments, & remembrances of their good deserts, amongst which y^e cheifest & most vsuall hath bine y^e bearing of signes in shields called Armes, beinge evident demonstrations of prowes & valor, diversely distributed accordinge to y^e quality of y^e persons meriting y^e same, to y^e intention if such as haue done good service to their Prince, or Country, either in warr or peace maye thereby receive due honor in their lyves & likewise deryveth y^e same successivly to their posteritie for ever Now for as much as I haue byn credible informed by good & sufficient testimony of y^e worth & good deserte, of William Bennett, of high Roodynge in y^e County of Essex to be a man well deserving in y^e Common wealth for his good service to his prince & country & of good life & cariage, soe y^t he well deserved, not only to be accepted, reputed, taken, ranked, & accompted a companion amongst gent; but also to be a bearer of such characters & ensignes of honor as belonge to gentry: The premises considered at y^e instant motion, and requeste of some so well knowne vnto me, as I could not well deny so reasonable a request, And whose testimony of y^e truth hereof, I doe belevee I haue thought good to graunt & assigne vnto y^e said William Bennet theis Armes, & creasts followinge: *vizt. vert on a Cheveron betwene three demy Lions rampant, couped or, three quaterfoiles Azure, And for his Crest, on a wreath of his colours, three garbes or two whereof are in saltier wise y^e third impale wise all incompassed in y^e midle wthin a Ducall crowne gules, Mantelled gules doubled Argent, with this Motto Bene et bonum si* as more plainly appeareth depicted in the Margent thereof; The which Armes & Creast, I y^e

said S^r Richard St. George Knight, Clarenceux King of Armes by theis p^rsents, giue, graunt, ratifie, confirm & allow, vnto y^e afore said William Bennet, & to y^e severall discendants of his body for ever bearinge their differences: The same to bear, use & sett forth, at all times, vppon any occasion according to y^e law of Armes, in y^t case provided. In wittness whereof I haue herevnto sett my hand & seale of mine office dated att y^e Office of Armes London y^e first day of Aprill in y^e first year of y^e reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by y^e grace of god Kinge of great Brittain, France & Ireland defender of y^e faith &c.

RI. S^t George Clarenceux.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS BERTIE OF BERESTED,
CO. KENT, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 10TH JULY, 4 EDW. VI [1550].

[MS. Ashmole 858, p. 232, where there is the following note in Ashmole's hand:
"Ex Collectan: Rob. Glover, Somst, p. 41."]

To all nobles and gentilles these present tres readinge heeringe or seeinge Thomas Hawley ats Clarencieux principall Herald and King of Armes of the South East and West partes of this realme from the ryver of Trent southward sendeth humble comendacion & greeting. Equitie willeth and reason ordeyneth that men vertuous & of noble courage be by their merites and good renowne rewarded not alonly their psons in this mortall lyf so brief & transitory, but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended to be in all places of honor with other nobles and gentilles accepted & taken by certeyn enseignes and demonstrances of hono^r and noblesse, that is to say blason healme and tymber, to th'end that by their ensamples other may the more enforce themselves to have perseverance to vse their dayes in seales of Armes and workes vertuous to get the renowne of auncient noblesse in their Lignes and posterities. And therfor I Clarencieux not alonly by the comon renowne, but also by the report and Witnesse of dyvers worthy to be taken of word & credence, am plainly advertised and enfourmid that Thomas Bertie of Berested in the County of Kent gentleman is descended of an house vndefamid and being at this present tyme Capitayne of Hurst Castell for the King's Ma^{tie} and hath of long tyme vsed himself in feates of Armes and good Workes so that he is well worthy to be in all places of hono^r admitted nombred & taken in the company of other Nobles and gentills, and for the remembrance of the same by the vertue authoritie and power annexed attributed gyven & graunted by the Kinge our sovereigne Lordes highnes to me & to my Office of Clarencieux Kinge of Armes by expresse wordes vnder his Ma^{ties} most noble greate seale, have devysed, ordeyned gyvin and granted to the said Thomas Bertie gentleman, and for his posteritie th' Armes & Creast as hereafter followeth. That is to say *Sylver three faulcys of Mottions the bodyes of tymber hedded, armed, horned [sic] asure vpon the tymber a ryng of the same two above one. Vpon his healme on a torse silver and sable on a hussok* [? hulloke—ED.] *vert a date tree and the dates in their proper colour levyd*

vert, Mantelled geules doubled silver, as more playnly apereth depicted in this margent. To have and to hold for him and his posteritie & they it to vse and enjoy for evermore. In wisse wherof I the said Clarencieux Kinge of Armes have signed these presentes with my hand and Sette therevnto the Seale of my Armes with the Seale of my Office of Clarencieux Kinge of Armes. Yeven & graunted at London the xth day of July in the fourth yere of the reigne of our sovereigne Lord Edward the sixt by the grace of God Kinge of England, Fraunce and Ireland Defendo^r of the faith, and of the Church of England and Ireland vnder Christ in earth the supreme hedd.

Par moy Clarencieux
Roy D'armes.*

GRANT OF ARMS TO JOHN BEST, BISHOP OF CARLISLE, BY LAURENCE DALTON, NORROY, DATED 5TH MARCH, 1560-61.

[From a volume in the Herald's College, marked "N^o 7, 11, I C B" (John Charles Brooke), pages 284-5.]

Omnibus et singulis proceribus dominis ac nobilibus, Regibus, herauldis ac officiariis Armorum Laurentius Dalton Armiger Alias Norrey Rex Armorum et principalis herauldus partium orientalium occidentalium et borealium huius Regni Angliæ a Rivula de Trent versus borealem partem Salutem cū debita et humili commendatione Equitas vult et ratio postulat q^d homines virtuosī, laudabili dispositionis et vite honorabilis fuit ꝑ eorum merita honorati et remunerati in eorum propriis personis dum hac caduca et transitoria vita fruuntur demonstrando signa et exempla virtutis honoris ac etiam humanitatis, viz. scutum cum insigniis honoris, ea intentione ut per eorum exempla Alii magis conentur eorum vitam in bonis operibus et factis clarissimis exercere quibus assequantur et impetrent famam antique nobilitatis. Et ideo Ego predictus Rex Armorum ut supra non solum ex divulgata fama verum etiam ex meo ceterorumq^e nobilium fide dignorum testimonio sum veraciter instructus et informatus Quod Reverendus in X^po pater Dñs Johannes Bestus sacre theologie bachlarius et Carliolensis Epūs diū in virtute claruit ac veri et xxiani presulis officio functus est ac indies fungitur adeò ut bene mereatur et dignus sit in omnibus locis honoris admitti munerari et recipi in numerum et consortium aliorum veterum et illustrium virorum. Qua propter ob memoriam eius tante virtutis ac etiam humanitatis per auctoritatem et potestatem mihi Laurentio Regi Armorum, officioq³ meo per verba in L^{ris} patentibus spatr express: sub magno sigillo Angliæ concess: annex et attribui ordinavi et assignavi prefato Reverendo pri dño Johanni Carliolensi Epō ut supra. Scutum cum insigniis honoris sicut hic gallice declarabitur Viz., *D'argent sur unq Cheuron sable trois Fers de Frezes (i.e. Fleches) du premier, en chef deux Coloms en leur propre couleur beque et membre geules et en point ung liure du second garnie d'or*, ut latius in Scut: hic depicto apparet. Habendum et Tenendum eidem Reverendo pfi Dño Joanni, Epō Carliolensi ut supra et ut ipse in hiis ornatus sit ad ejus honor-

* This is also in Ashmole's handwriting.—[ED.]

em in perpetuum: In cuius rei testimonium Sigillum meum ad Arma una cum Sigillo officii mei presentibus apposui, ac manu mea propria subscripsi. Dat: Londini quinto die mensis marcii ac incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo ac anno Regni Serenissimæ Dominae nostræ Reginæ Elizabeth dei gratia Anglie, Francie et Hibernie Regine fidei defensoris ac sub XXŭ Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supreme gubernatricis &c.

[W. H. Rylands, in *Grantees of Arms* (Harleian Society, vol. lxviii, p. xv), says the above was the first grant by Lawrence Dalton, Norroy King of Arms, 5 March, 1560, *Argent, on a chevron sable, three pheons (fers de fleches) of the first, in chief two doves proper, beaked and membered Gules, and in the point (base) a book of the second garnished Or*; second grant, by Sir Gilbert Dethick, Garter King of Arms, 10 Feb., 3 Eliz. [1561], *Or, on a chevron Sable, three pheons (fers de fleches) between three books Gules, on a chief Gules, a St. Esprit issuing from a cloud* (no tincture, but no doubt to be represented as a dove).—ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS BEVERIDGE, ESQ., OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER, AND TO WILLIAM BEVERIDGE, HIS SECOND BROTHER, RESIDENT IN ANFREVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF VALLOUGNES IN THE PROVINCE OF LOWER NORMANDY, GENTLEMAN, BY RICHARD LEE, CLARENCEUX, DATED (30 of May, 1595, Harl. MS. 1559, fo. 16) 37 ELIZABETH. [Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 391.]

To all and singular as well nobles as gentles and to others to whom the presents may come to be seen heard read or understood R(ichard) L(ee) Esquire otherwise Clarenceux principal Herald and King of Arms of the eastern western and southern parts of the realm of England sends everlasting greeting in the Lord etc. Whereas Thomas Beveridge esquire principal inquisitor of the Queen's Majesty of the city of Chichester and of all cities ports and coasts of the sea in the county of Sussex together with William Beveridge his second brother now resident in Anfreville in the county of Valloungnes (Aufraville in the county of Valloynes, Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 16) in the province of Lower Normandy gentleman have jointly desired of me and urgently requested that I would search out among the acts and registers of my office the true genealogical stem of their family together with the arms to them appertaining descending from their progenitors I could not deny the same wherefore I have investigated and found the aforesaid Thomas Beveridge esquire and William Beveridge gentleman his brother to be sons of the son and heir of William son and heir of Thomas Beveridge formerly of Sevenocke in the county of Kent esquire the true approver of these arms with the following crest to wit *on a field vert two beavers or combatant in point barry wavy of six silver and azure And the crest upon the helmet a demi beaver of natural colour in a crown of gold the mantle*

Gules doubled with silver as is more fully depicted in the margin.* Which same arms and crest rightly descend to them and those of their name and family of Beveridge of Sevenocke with their due differences according to the law of arms. In witness whereof I the aforesaid Clarenceux King of Arms according to my office and oath taken at my appointment have affixed to these letters under my own hand as well the seal of my office as of my arms. Dated at London in the 37th year of our Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland etc.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO EDWARD
BISHE OF SMALEFIELD, BURSTOW, IN THE COUNTY OF
SURREY, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED
1st OCT., 1617. [Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 388.]

To all and singuler as well nobles and Gentlemen as others to whome these p^rsents shall come Withm Camden Esq^r Clarenc King of Armes of South east & west parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward send Greeting in our Lord god Everlasting Know ye that for asmuch as it is Continued in all Countries and Comon wealthes well gouerned that the honõble Acts and Vertuous Endeavours of worthy-men from tyme to tyme haue beene remembred and recomended to posterity by certeyne tokens and remembrances of honnor Commonly called Armes being the outward demonstracons of their Inward Vertues Incyteing others by their good Examples to ye Imitacon of theire Life Laudable workes & worthy Atchiuements dureing this transitory life we^h said tokens of honnor are diuersly distributed according to the Quallities of the psons soe demeritinge the same to the end that such as haue done Comendable service to their Prince or Country either with warr or peace may therefore both receiue due hono^r & Istimacon in this Life and alsoe deriue & convey the same successiuey to theire offspring and posterity for evermore. In which respect whereas Edward Bishe of Smalefeild within the parish of Burstow in the County of Surry Esq^r sonne and heire of Thomas Bishe of ye same place Esq^r sonne & heire of John Bishe of the same place Esq^r sonne and heire of William Bishe of the same place Esq^r sonne & heire of John Bishe of the same place Esq^r sonne & heire of John Bishe of the same place Esq^r being discended of a ffamily Antiently and yett owners not only of ye said Capitall tenement called Smalefeild wherein he now dwelleth but alsoe diuers other Lands and Tenem^{ts} in Horne or else where in the said County, and who were sometymes the Owners of a mannor called the Mannor of Bish in Horne aforesaid and is not onely able to proue the Antiquity of the said ffamily by diuers other descents by writeings and Evidences to me pduced and shewed forth but alsoe by beareing of Armes hath requested me the said Clarenceux to make search how his Ancesters did and he may beare his said Antient Armes without p^rjudice to any of the said family & surname and the same to exemplifie and Blazon testifie Confirme and allowe I could not but condescend to his reasonable & lawfull

* Tricks of these arms are given in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 16, and Add. MSS. 14295, fo. 17, but not in Harl. MS. 1507.—[Ed.]

request therein and haueing made search accordingly doe finde that he as his Ancesto^{rs} formerly haue done may Lawfully beare *quarterly of foure ye first parts per fesse embacelled argent and Ermine in Cheife three leopards' heads gules the second parted & saltier, or & azure vpon the Or two Roses Gules vpon the Azure two flower de luces of the first, the third as the second, the fourth as the first,** besides he not knowing of anie Creast or Cognizance belonging to his said Armes (as to Antient Armes theyr are none) I haue deuised and assigned vnto him for his Creast *on a helme a sword Erected argent through a Leopard's head Gules hilts and pomell Or sett in a Crowne Murall of the same Mantled gules doubled argent* as more plainely appeareth depicted in the Margent the which armes and euery pt and pcell thereof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes by power and Authority of myne Office annexed and Granted by Letters Pattents vnder the great seale of England haue by these p^rsents Exemplified ratified confirmed and allowed and the said Creast haue by these p^rsents giuen and granted vnto and for the said Edward Bishe and to his heires and posterity for euer to beare and sett forth in sheild Coate Armour or otherwise with their differences at his or their liberties or pleasures According to the Antient Law of Armes without Impediment lett or Interrupcon of any pson or psons whatsoever In Witnesse whereof I the said Clarenceux King of Armes haue signed these p^rsents with my hand and therevnto sett the seale of myne office the first day of October A^o 1617 in the 15th yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne James by the grace of God of England frince and Ireland defend^r of y^e faith &c. & of Scotland the 51th.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JAMES BLACKERBY OF LONDON
AND THOMAS BLACKERBY OF SHAKERLAND HALL, CO.
SUFFOLK, GENTLEMEN, AND TO THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN BLACKERBY OF WORLINGTON, CO. SUFFOLK, THEIR
GRANDFATHER, BY SIR EDWARD BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 10TH JUNE, 1664.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 103.]

To all and singular vnto whom thes p^rsents shall com. S^r Edward Bysshe K^t Clarenceux principall herald and King of Armes of all the South East & west parts of the Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward sendeth greting. And being desired by James Blackerby of London and Thomas Blackerby of Shakerland hall in the County of Suffolke gentlemen to Assigne vnto them such Armes as they and their posterities may Lawfully beare Wherefore I haue thought good to give vnto them the Armes hereafter mentioned viz^t *Gerundy of Eight peices Or and Sable, on a Canton Azure a Molet of the first. And for their Crest on a helme and wreath of their Cullers a Blackamore head between two Lawrell branches proper Mantled gules doubled Argent* as is more Lively depicted in the Margent which Arme & Crest I the said Clarenceux King of Armes by power & authority of my office to me granted vnder the greate seale of England doe Assigne Give & grant vnto the said James Blakerby & Thomas

* See Visitation of Surrey, Harleian Society, vol. xliii, p. 103, for another coat.—[ED.]

Blakerby & to their heires of their bodyes Lawfully begotten, And to the severall descendants of John Blakerby of Worlington in the County of Suffolke their Grandfather deceased to be by them and every of them borne in Seale, Sheild, Ensigne, Penon, Coate-Armor or otherwise at their pleasure observeing their due differences according to the Lawe of Armes for ever: without lett or interruption of any pson or psons whatsoever. In witnes wherof &c. Dated 10 June 1664.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO RICHARD BLACKWALL
OF BLACKWALL (IN THE HUNDRED OF HIGH PEAK), CO.
DERBY, BY CHRISTOPHER [CARHILL], NORROY, DATED
8TH AUG., 1494. [Add. MS. 6670, fo. 215.]

To all true Cristen People thiese present Letters heryng or redyng I Christopher Norrey King of Armes of the North parties of the Realme of England all due and humble recomendation had unto all Persons of Nobles and others to whome thiese Lfes shall appear For as moch as I the said Norrey beyng one of the Kyngs of Armes and admytted so by the Kyngs Highnes and by virtue of hys Letters Pattents to me graunted as more plainly doth appear Gevyng to me full Authority to all thyngs concernyng my sayd office as to other beyng afore mee yn the same. And I according to my sayd office and othe have been requyred by oon right worshipfull gentilman of the County of Derby called Richard Blackwall of Blackwall to enquire and search for the Arms of his Progenitors and Surname. Att whose request I the sayd Norrey King of Armes have serched in divers ancyent Books and Rolles pertayning to my said office And ther have found that of the same name hath been right Worshipful both of Authority and Armes as it apperyth in y^e said Bookes of office Whereuppon I the said Norrey having respect and seyng y^e Vertue and Substance of the said Richard Blackwall and his Possession sufficient to meyntayne his heirs ensuyng at his desyre have devised to him and to his said heires for evermore thies Armes folowyng and therein to be revested att their pleasure that is to saie *He beryth Silver and Sable party per Jesse indented, in the Chief three besantes gold, in the second part silver a Greahond Sabyll in fess colored [collared—Ed.] gold and goullys shekey. The Crest uppon the Helme A Greahonds hede sable coupepe coloured shekey gold and goullys born beteen two harmes maunched within ayle sett with in a wreath of gold and goullys, the mantell sable lined Silver.*

As more pleynly in the marrgent doth appear whych Armes and Creste I the said King of [Arms] ratihe and confirme unto the said Richard and to his heirs of his Body lawfully begotten without any interruption or empeachment Impediment or Lett of any Pson or Persons and in likewise to use to all his posterity for ever more. In Witness whereof to these present Letters I have sett the Seal of myne Armes and signed the same with my hand the Eighth daie of the Month of August, y^e Nynth Yeaer of y^e Reigne of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Seventh, 1494.

The MS. has the following note:

"A true Copy from the Register of Nobility and Gentry Vol. 2 folio 668,
"remaining in the College of Arms. "London May 1733."

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM BLUNT OF THE
CITY OF LONDON, ESQUIRE, AND TO THE POSTERITY OF
MORRICE BLUNT, HIS GRANDFATHER, BY ROBERT COOKE,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 16TH NOV., 1572.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 96.]

To all and singuler as well Nobles as Gentelles to whome these p^rsents shall come to be seen read or heard Robert Cooke Esq^r als Clarenceaux King of Armes of ye south east & west pt of England sendeth greeting for as much as Antiently from the begining the valiant and vertuous Acts of worthy p^{er}sons haue been comended to ye world of sundry Monuments & remembrances of their good deserts among y^e w^{ch} ye Cheifest & most vsuall hath been ye beareing of signes & tokens in Sheilds called Armes being none other things then demonstra^{ti}ons of proofes & valour diversly destributed according to ye Quallities & deserts of ye p^{er}sons to ye end y^t such as by their vertues doe shew forth to ye Advancem^{ts} of ye Co^mon Weale ye fruites of their good life and conversation in dayly practiseing of things worthy and Comendable being the very true and p^{er}fect tokens of a right noble disposicion may therefore receiue due hono^r in their liues and alsoe deriue ye same successiue to their posterity after them And being required of W^m Blunte of ye Citie of London Esq^e to make search in ye Registo^{rs} & records of myne office for ye true and p^{er}fect descent belonging to him And for to sett forth such Armes & crest as was descended vnto him for his Ancest^{ers} accordingly I did accomplish and found ye said W^m Blunt to be ye sonn and heire of John Blunte sonn & heire of Morris Blunt w^{ch} Morris was second sonn of Edmond Blunt sonn and heire of John Blunt of Mangersfeild in ye County of Gloucester & of Wibmay (*sic* ? Wilmay) his wife daughter and heire to Thomas Abarle soe yt I could not wthout his great Injury assigne vnto him any other Armes and Crest then those w^{ch} are Lyneally discended vnto him from his Ancesters (that is to say) *he beareth quarterly the first for Blunt, ye second Barle, the 3 Lathbroke,* and soe consequently to ye Creast vpon a helme on a wreath or azure a Lyon Dregoney ermine crowned gold Mantled Gules Doubled argent* as more plainly appeareth depicted in ye Margent w^{ch} Armes helme & Crest I the said Clarenceaux King of Armes haue ratified and confirmed giuen and granted And by these p^rsents doe Ratifie and grant vnto the said W^m Blunt of ye Citty of London and to his posterity and to all his posterity Lyneall and Collatterall descend from Morrice Blunt Grand father to ye said W^m Blunt & to his posterity for euer to vse beare and shew in Sheild Coate Armor or otherwise at his or their Liberty and pleasure wthout Impediment lett or Interrupcon of any p^{er}son or p^{er}sons. In Witnesse whereof I the said Clarenceaux King of Armes haue signed these p^rsents with my hand & there vnto put ye Seale of myne Office Yeuen at London ye 16th day of Novemb^r in ye yeare of our Lord God 1572 in ye 15th yeare of Queene Elizabeth.

Rob^t Cooke alias Clarenceaux
Roy Darmes

* (1) Argent, two bars azure, over all an escarbuncle gules, of eight rays or, *Blunt*; (2) Or, three falcons (a rough trick in pencil in the margin describes these as larks—Ed.), close proper, *Abarle*; (3) Azure, a chevron argent, *Lathbroke*. And see Visitations of Gloucester, Harleian Society, vol. xxi, p. 23, and of London, vol. xv, p. 82.—[ED.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN
BODLEY OF STREATHAM, CO. SURREY, ESQ., BY WILLIAM
CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 1ST DEC., 1609.

[Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 206b.]

To all and singuler, as well nobles and gentlemen, as others too whome thease p^rsente shall come I William Camden Esquire, alias Clarenceux Kinge of Armes, send greeting, for as much as, aunciently from y^e beginninge the vertuous actes of Excellent p^rsons haue bene commended to the world and posteritie, withe sundrie monumentes & remembrances of their good deserts amonge whiche, the cheefeste & most vsuall hathe bene y^e bearing of signes in Sheelds, called Armes, which are euident demonstrations & tokens of prouesse & valour, diversley distributed, accordinge to y^e qualities of y^e parties, meritinge y^e same. And whereas therefore, John Bodley of Stretham in y^e Countie of Surrey Esquire, beeinge one of y^e bearers of thease Armes, videlicet *Ermyne on two bares sable, 3 buckles or*. And haueing no Creast appertayning thearvnto, hath requested me y^e said Clarenceux Kinge of Armes, too assigne him, suche Creaste, as he may lawfully bear, In consideration whareof & for y^e declaration of y^e worthinesse of y^e said John: I y^e said Clarenceux haue giueen and graunted him, this Creaste or Cognisaunce followinge, y^t is to say *vpon a wreathe of his Coollers an orne* or savage bulls hedd, couped or, Mantled Gyules, Doubled Argent*, as more plainlie is this Margent, depicted appeereth, Whyche said Creaste, with every parte & parcell thearof I y^e said Clarenceux, Kinge of Armes dooe ratifie, confyrme & allowe, vnto y^e sade John Bodley, & to his posteritie for ever, to haue, holde, vse, bear & inioye wthout y^e lest impediment or interuption of anye other person, whatsoever, In wittnesse whearof I haue signed theas presentes wth my hand, & sett too y^e seale of myne office Dated y^e first of December in y^e 11 yere of y^e raygne of our Soueraygne Lord, James by y^e grace of God Kynge of England france & Ireland, Defender of y^e fayth, &c., and of Scotland, y^e three & forthyth Anno salutie 1609.

William Camden Clarenceux
(blank) of Armes.

CERTIFICATE OF ARMS, CREST, AND SUPPORTERS BELONGING TO
SIR JAMES BONTEIN, KNIGHT, BY JAMES HOME, DEPUTY
TO THOMAS ROBERT, EARL OF KINNOULL, LORD LYON
KING OF ARMS, DATED 2ND SEPT., 1813.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Sundry whom these Presents do or may Concern We, Thomas Robert Earl of Kinnoull and Lord Lyon King of Arms, do hereby certify & Declare that the Ensigns Armorial, pertaining and belonging to Sir James Bontein Knight Eldest lawful son of Archibald Bontein of Badglais in Stirling shire Esq. eldest son of Bontein of Mildovan in Dumbartonshire Esquire and which Sir James is now the undoubted Representative of

*Orne may mean harmful or injurious. See Supplement to Toller's Anglo-Saxon Dictionary.—[ED.]

Bontein of Ardock, in the County last named Are Matriculated in the Public Registers of the Lyon Office, and are Blazoned as on the margin thus:—Viz: *Argent, a bend gules between three Bunten Birds, two in Cheif and one in Base proper, above the Sheild is placed an helmet befitting his degree with a Mantling gules the doubling argent and thereon is set for his Crest a demi Eagle issuing out of a ducal crown all proper. On a Compartment below the Sheild whereon is this motto, "Copiose et Opportune," are placed for Supporters as representing the Ancient family of Ardock Two Lyons rampant proper.* Which Armorial Ensigns and Supporters, We do hereby ratify confirm and assign to the said Sir James Bontein Knight and the heirs Male of his body, as their proper Arms, and bearing in all time coming. In Testimony whereof these Presents are subscribed by James Home of Linhouse Esquire our Deputy and the Seal of our Office is appended hereunto at Edinburgh this second day of September in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

James Home.

Lyon Office Edinbr 2 Sep. 1813. This Patent is duly entered in the Records of the Lyon Office by me, Herald Painter and Keeper of Lyon Records.

John Ker.

Appended to the above is the following note:

Supporters can be granted by Lord Lyon whose jurisdiction in that respect is Superior to that of the Heralds College in England, for they cannot grant supporters without a special licence under The King's own hand. Besides, the person claiming supporters, must at least be a Baronet of Great Britain, unless he is the representative of a Scots Family, who can prove that they had lands in Scotland prior to the year 1420, when the attendance of the Lesser Barons in the Scots Parliament was dispensed with But Sir James Bontein, being the representative of Bontein of Ardock in Dumbartonshire, which has for many centuries been a most respectable Scots family is entitled to Supporters as being the head or Chief of the name, and there can be no doubt that he will be entitled to use them in any part of His Majesty's Dominions, as they, all descendants to his heirs.

James Home.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN BORROW OF THE TOWN OF DERBY, ESQ., AND TO HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, SAMUEL BORROW OF MANSFIELD, CO. NOTTINGHAM, BY SIR THOMAS ST. GEORGE, KNT. GARTER, AND ROBERT DEVENISH, NORROY, DATED 2ND OCT., 1702.

[Coll. of Arms Grant Book, v, 81.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Sir Thomas St. George, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, and Robert Devenish Esqr., Norroy King of Arms, send greeting. Whereas John Borrow of the Town of Derby, Esqr. sometime High Sheriff of Derbyshire, and for several years last past Justice

for the Peace in the same County, Eldest Son of Humphrey Borrow, late of Gotham in Co. Nottingham deceased, having made application to the Right Honorable Charles Earl of Carlisle, Earl Marshal of England during the minority of His Grace Thomas Duke of Norfolk &c. for his Consent that such Armes and Crest might be Devised for and Assigned to Him, and Mr. Samuel Borrow of Mansfield in the aforesaid County of Nottingham his younger Brother, as they and their Descendants may lawfully bear; And whereas the said Earl Marshal being well satisfied with the due qualifications of the said John and Samuel Borrow, did thereupon by His Warrant or Order bearing date the twenty fifth day of September last past, Signify his consent for Our Devising and Assigning such Armes and Crest accordingly: Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter and Norroy Kings of Armes by virtue of Letters Patent of Our several offices to us respectively granted under the Great Seal of England, and with the consent of the said Earl Marshal signified as aforesaid haue Devysed, and do by these Presents Grant and Assign unto the said John Borrow Esqr. and Mr. Samuel Borrow his younger Brother the Armes hereafter mentioned vizt. *Argent, on a mount in Base the Stem or Trunk of an Oak Tree Coupè, sprouting out two Branches Proper, with the Shield of Pallas hanging thereon Or, fastned by a Belt gules; and for the Crest, On a Wreath Argent and Vert, an Eagle Reguardant, the Wings Expanded standing upon a Mount Proper, supporting with the Dexter Foot a like Shield as in the Coat, mantled Gules Doubled Argent*, as the same is in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted. To be borne and used by them the said John and Samuel Borrow and their Descendants lawfully begotten with their due Differences upon all occasions according to the Law and Practice of Arms without the lett or interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof Wee the said Garter and Norroy haue hereunto subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our respective Offices this second day of October in the first year of the Reign of our Souereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc^a Annoq3 Domini 1702.

Sign'd Tho. St. George, Garter
Principal King of Armes.

Robt. Devenish Norroy
King of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO FRANCIS BOUKER
(BOWKER) OF BURTON (BARTON), CO. LANCASTER, BY SIR
GILBERT DETHICK, KNT., GARTER, DATED 10TH JANUARY,
1574.

[Heralds' Coll.: from the two drafts of the Grant, viz., Grants, vol. i, p. 89, and from Vincent's MSS. No. 163, p. 130.]

Omnibus xpi fidelibus Ad quos has presentes litteras visum lecturis vel audituris pvenierint Gilbertus Dethick als Garter, nunc principalis Rex Armoru Anglicorum et pcipiū Officiarius justissimi ordinis gartery salutem in Domino sempiternam: Equitas vult et ratio postulat quod homines virtuosi laudabilis dispositionis et vite honorabilis sint p eorū merita honorat et remunerat non solum in eorū pprjs personis, dum hac radura et transitoria vita fruuntur. Verū

etiam singulis ab eorū corporibus pcreati, sint in quolibet loco honoris pretoris honorat' et remunerat' demonstrand' signa et exempla virtutis honoris ac etiam humanitatis ea intentione ut p eorū exempla alij magis conentur vitam suam in validissimorū Armorū artibus operibusqz clarissimis exercere quibus et ipsis, ipsorūqz posteritat' eximiam famam consequantur: Et ideo ego p'dict' Rex Armorū non solum ex divulgata fama verum etiam ex meo, cæterorūq Nobiliū fide dignorū testimonio sum veraciter instructus et informatus quod Franciscus Bowker de domo de Burton in Com Lancast' nunc inhabitant' in Hispania est ex nobili et Antiqua ffamilia ortus, et in oībus suis Artibus Ita bñe et prudenter se gessit adeo ut mereatur et dignus sit in oībus locis honoris admitti numerari et recepi in numerū et consortiū aliorū veterū et illustriū virorūqz generosorū et ideo tam ipse Franciscus Bowker quam ejus Antecessores his Armis siue Armorū insigniis diu et ab Antiquo tempore Usi et gavisī sunt et fuerunt sicut p infra script' verba Gallico sermone scripta latius declaratur *Il porte les Armes esquartele Cest ascavoir au primer quarter en champ d'argent sur unne fesse ingraile gules ung Croix dor entre trois testes du sanglier erazé sable, Arme dor et languee gules: Et au quartier second le champ dargent au cheife d' gules, et oultre p'son Timbre sur ung hearme d'acier la Torse dargent & sable L'image d' S^t Katharin, Couronne d'ung diadem Les Chauuz (? Cheveux) et robes d'or tenant en sa maine dextre un espee desgaine au point reversi la garniture d'yceluy d'or, et en la main gauch sa rouee d'argent, Mantelée d'guelles & duble d'argent* Come plus Amplement faisons icy apparoistre en ces p'sente: Habend' et tenend' eidm Francisco Bowker et posteritate et ut ipse in his ornatus sit ad eius honorem imptuū. In cujus rei testimoniū has p'sentes literas patentes sigillo meo ad Arma una cum sigillo officii mei Garteri principalis regis Armorū Sigillaui ac manu mea propria subscripsi: Dat Londino le x^o die Januarij A^o regni dne nre Elizabeth: Dei gratia Angl Franč et Hibū Regnie fidei defensoris xc decimo septimo Annoqz D'ni: 1574.

P' me Gilbtum Dethick als Garterum
Principalem Regen Armorū Angl.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ANTHONY BOURCHIER OF
BEDESLEY, CO. GLOUCESTER, GENT., BY THOMAS HAWLEY,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 1st DEC., 2 EDWARD VI [1548].

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 437.]

To all nobles & Gentells these p'sent lres reading hereing or seeing Thomas Hawley als Clarenceaux & principall Hearald & King of Armes of the south east and west parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent southward sendeth due & humble Commendacon and Greetings Equity willet & reason ordaineth that men vertuous & of noble Courage be by their merrits and good workes rewarded not alonly their psons in this Mortall life soe Breife & Transitory but alsoe after them those that shalbe of their bodies discend to be in all places of honor wth other Nobles & Gentells accepted & taken by certeyne Ensignes and demonstracons of honor & Noblesse that is to say Blazen helme & Timbre To the end that by their Examples others may the more enforce them-

selves to haue pseuerance to vse theire daies in feates of Armes and workes vertuous to gett ye renowne of Antient noblesse in their leignes and posterities and therefore I Clarenceaux King of Armes as aboue said not alonly by the Comon renowne but alsoe by the reporte and Witnes of diuers worthy to be taken of word & Credence am plainly aduertised and Enformed y^t Anthony Bouchier of Bedesley in ye County of Glocester Gent. hath in long tyme in all his affaires vsed himselfe soe worshipfully & discretely soe yt he hath well disered to be in all places of honor admitted numbred, and taken in ye number & Compaine of other nobles & Gentells. And for ye remembrance of the same by ye vertue Authority and power, annexed, attributed, giuen & granted by the King our Soûaigne lords highnes to me, & to my office of Clarenceaux King of Armes by expresse words vnd^r his most noble great seale haue deuised Ordained giuen & granted vnto ye said Anthony Bouchier Gent. & his posterity the Armes & Creast as in manner hereafter following (that is to say) *Azure, a Cheveron Gould betweene three Martlets Close winged siluer, vpon his hearme on a Torce Siluer and azure, a dymy horse narmd (sic) vert throated, & finned Siluer, eyed & Langued gules, about his neck a flatt Cheyne Gould hanging between his Leggs & wrecking (sic) ouer his Back, Mantled gules doubled Siluer* as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent. To haue & to hold vnto ye said Anthony and his posterity and they that to vse & enjoy for euermore. In witnesse whereof I haue subscribed these p^rsents with my owne hand and sett hereunto ye seale of my Armes with ye seale of my office of Clarenceaux King of Armes Giuen and granted att London the first day of December in the second yeare of the Raigne of our Soûaigne Lord Edward the Sixth by the Grace of God of England ffrance & Ireland defender of the faith & of the Church of England and also of Ireland vnd^r Christ in Earth the Supream head.

GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM BOWYER OF KNYPERSLEY, CO. STAFF., BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 12TH JUNE, 1574. [MS. Ashmole 858, Nos. 37-38.]*

To all and singuler &c.: William Flower Esq. als Norroy King of Armes &c. Greeting Whereas William Bowyer of Knypersley in the County of Stafford Esq. is well borne and descended of worthy Progenitors bearers of Signes and Tokens & their race & gentry called Armes, wch likewise vnto him by iust descent and prerogatiue of birth are duly deriued. He yet carefully minding the orderly vsage of them and that the helme may haue his full ornamt: & garnature comonly called ye Crest or Cognizance, hath required me the said Norroy King of Armes to assigne vnto his auncient Armes such Crest or Cognizance as

* The grant to Bowyer in MS. Ash. 858, pp. 37, 38, is a copy of the grant to Bowyer in MS. Ash. 834, fo. 62. There is a note in the former, "transcribed out of one of the Bookes of Glouers Collections Intituled Litteræ Patentes Armorum." This same note applies to the Bowyer Grant on p. 37, and it has a marginal note, "fo. 62."

The Grant in Ash. 834, fo. 62, is in Glover's hand, with a good many alterations in it. The date there is "xjth day of June."

The date in MS. Ash. 858, p. 38, is "12th day of June," but the 12 is evidently altered from "iith." It is in Ashmole's own hand (per Miss E. G. Parker).

he may lawfully vse & beare without priudice or offence to any other pson. Know ye that I the said Norroy King of Armes in consideration thereof & for further declaracon of the worthy nesse of the said Willm Bowyer, and at his instant request by vertue of myne office, & the power & auctority to me comitted by Ires Pattente vnder the greate Seale of England, haue assigned giuen & granted vnto the said William Bowyer to his ancient armes being *argent a lyon rampant betweene 3: crosse crosetts fyche gules*, quartered with the armes of other inheritors as in the Margine hereof they are to be seene depicted: for his Crest or Cognizance *vpon the Helme a demy Dragon volant gold rising from the top of a Castle gules, scituated vpon a wreath of his Colours arg: & gu: with mantelles appendant gu: doubled or lyned argent.* Which Armes & Crest & eu^y pte & pcell thereof I the said Norroy King of Armes, do by these prsente ratifie confirme giue & grant, vnto the said William Bowyer, his offspring & posterity for eu^o to be by him & them vsed & borne at all tymes & for eu^o hereafter at his and their liberty & pleasure without the impediment lett or interrupcon of any pson or psons. In witness whereof I the sd Norroy King of Armes haue herevnto subscribed my name, & set to the seale of myne Office the 12th: day of June Año Dni 1574.

p moy Wylliam Flower esquier
alias Norrey Roy Darmes.

Transcribed out of one of the Bookes of Glouers Colleccions Intituled Litterae Patentes Armorum.

(All the above in Ashmole's hand.)

[The reader is referred to the note, sub "Bowyer," in the *Visitation of Sussex*, p. 61, of Harleian Society's vol. liii.—ED.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN BRAHAM OF TAVISTOCK
SQUARE, CO. MIDDLESEX, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR ISAAC HEARD,
KNT., GARTER, AND GEORGE HARRISON, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 2ND SEPT., 1817.

[Coll. of Arms Grant Book, xxx, fo. 294.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Sir Isaac Heard Knight Garter Principal King of Arms and George Harrison Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West Parts of England from the River Trent Southwards send Greeting. Whereas John Braham of Tavistock Square in the County of Middlesex Gentleman hath represented unto Henry Thomas Howard Molyneux Esquire Deputy with the Royal Approbation to his Brother the Most Noble Bernard Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshall of England that being uncertain of any Armorial Ensigns belonging to his Family and unwilling to bear any without lawful Authority he requested the favour of the Warrant of the said Deputy to the Earl Marshal for our devising granting and exemplifying such Arms and Crest as may be proper to be borne by him and his Descendants according to the Laws of Arms And foras-

much as the said Deputy to the Earl Marshal did by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the 23^d day of August last authorize and direct Us to devise grant and exemplify such Armorial Ensigns accordingly. Know ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the Consent of the said Deputy to the Earl Marshal and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices to each of Us respectively granted have devised and do by these Presents grant and exemplify to the said John Braham the Arms following that is to say *Argent a Saltire between four Holly-Leaves a bordure Vert on a Chief Azure a Lyre between two Talbots heads erased* or And for the Crest on a wreath of the Colours *A Phoenix Ermine Wings Azure in the beak a Lyre or issuing from a pile of brands in flames proper* as the same are in the Margin hereof more plainly depicted to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said John Braham and his Descendants with due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several offices this second day of September in the Fifty seventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

(signed) Isaac Heard
Garter.

(signed) George Harrison
Clarenceux.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN
BRANDRETH OF WEEFORD, CO. STAFF., GENTLEMAN, BY SIR
WILLIAM SEGAR, KNT., GARTER, DATED 10TH NOV., 1625.*

[MS. Ashmole 858, p. 111]

To all & singular persons as well Nobles as others to whome theis presentes shall come, S^r William Segar K^t alias Garter Principall King of Armes sendeth his due Salutations and greeting, Know yee that being required by John Brandreth of Weeford in the County of Stafford gent: to make search in my Bookes & Registers what Armes I finde to be borne by that Surname, He being well assured y^t his auncestors did beare Armes, I finde vpon search that they bore *Sable, five Mascles in Cross Or*, And now want^e further for Ornament vnto his said Coart Armour (as diuers very auncient Coates are found to want) a convenient Crest or Cognizance fit to be borne, Hath requested me the s^d Garter by vertue and power of myne office to appoint & assigne to him such a one as he may lawfully beare, without wrong doing or pruiudice to any person or persons whatsoever, w^{ch} according to his due request I have accomplished & granted in manner & forme follow^e. That is to say *On a Heaume & Wreath of his Colours, a Lambe iacent siluer, one of the forefeete extended, the other bowed in Mantled and dubbed* as in the margent are depicted. All w^{ch} Armes and Crest I the s^d Garter doe confirme giue grant and assigne vnto him the said John Brandreth and to

* Lansdowne MS. 857 also gives the year as 1625, but in Add. MS. 12225, fo. 17b, and in Edmondson's Heraldry it is given as 1623.—[ED.]

his heires for euer And y^t it shalbe lawfull for him and them to vse beare and shew forth the same, in signet Seales shield Ensignes Coate Armour or otherwise at his, or their free Liberty and pleasure wth out let or molestacion. In wittnes whereof I the s^d Garter haue herevnto set my hand and Seale of Office the 10th of Nov: A^o Domini 1625. And in the first yeare of etc:

Withm Segar Garter.

[All in Ashmole's hand.]

GRANT OF A CREST TO EDWARD BRIDGMAN OF LIVESLEY IN THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER, GENT., BY SIR R. ST. GEORGE,
NORROY, DATED 20TH JAN., 1620.

[Add. MS. 14295, fo. 81b.]

Whereas Edward Bridgman of Livesley in the county of Lancaster, Gent., third sonne of Thomas Bridgman of Greenway in the county of Devonshire who beareth for his Paternall Coate, *Sables, 10 Bezants, 4, 3, 2 & 1, upon a cheiff argent a Lion passant ermyns*, and for diffrence of consangwynity *a Mullet or*. And wanting unto his sayd coat of Armes a fitt Creast to be borne, hath requested me S^r Richard S^t George, K^t at^s Norroy King of Armes to ap-
poynt unto him such a one as he may lawfully beare the w^{ch} his just request I have accomplished, viz: *Upon a Wreath or et sa. a demy lyon ar. gutty g. jesant a lawrell Garland prop.* as may more playnly appear above depicted. The w^{ch} Creast I do hearby ratifie and confirme unto the said Edward and to his Posterity for ever. In Witnesse hereof I have put to my hand this xxth day of January an^o 1620.

Ri. S^t George, Norroy King of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO BENJAMIN BROND OF
EDWARDSTONE, CO. SUFFOLK, AND TO HIS BROTHERS
JACOB, SAMUEL AND JAMES, BY WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLAREN-
CEUX, DATED 10TH MARCH, 1612-13.

[Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 52b.]

To all and singular as well noble as Gentlemen and others to whom these presents shall come, I William Camden Clarenceux King of Armes of the South, East & West parts of this realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southwards sendeth greeting in our Lord God Euerlasting, Among many and sundry Monuments devised by o^r Prudent Progenito^{rs} to Comend the memory of men of worth and good deserts to succeeding ages, It is notorious that the cheifest and most vsuall hath bin the bearing of signes in sheilds comonly called Armes, both as evident demonstracons of their virtues & rewards of the same, that for their comendable service to their Prince or Country in warr, or Peace, they may in their liues receiue due honour & deriue the same after their death successiely

to their posterity. In w^{ch} respect whereas Benjamin Brond of Edwardstone in the County of Suffolke son of John Brond of Boxford in the said County being descended of a ffamily Antiently bearing Armes hath requested mee to make search what Armes hee may beare, without prejudice to any of that family and surname And the same to Emblazon Exemplify & Testify. I could not but condescend to his lawfull request therein Considering his good Parts & that God hath enabled him to maintaine the reputation of Armes. And doe find that hee may lawfully beare *In a sheild vert a Griffin Passant Ore, a cheife of the same, And for his Creast on a healm & wreath of his Colours a demy Griffin Or holding a Danish Hatchet handled Gules, head Proper Mantled Gules doubled silver* as more playnly appeth depicted on the margent, The w^{ch} Armes & Creast I the aforesaid King of Armes by virtue of my Office & Authority vnder the great Seale of England doe ratify & confirme to the said Benjamin Brond & Jacob, Samuell & James his brethren & his & their posterity to vse beare & shew forth the same with their due differences according to the lawe of Armes & laudable custome of England without interuption or Impediment of any whatsoeuer. In witness whereof I haue herevnto set my hand & seale of Office the 10th day of March in the year of our Lord 1612 & of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord King James King of great Brittainye ffrence, & Ireland the tenth.

W^m Camden Clarenç: King of Armes.

The MS. continues: There is another Coat of Armes of Bronde vizt *Azure two swords in saltire proper, hilts Gould, within a bordure of the last. The Creast, a demy Moore p'p' holding a torch flaming p'p' bound about the head with a string Or & Azure, the Torch vert.*

The Motto: Benedictus Qui Beat: Semel & Semper: his Poesy now.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST (ORIGINAL IN FRENCH) TO CHRISTOPHER BROWN OF CO. LINCOLN, GENTLEMAN, BY JOHN MORE, NORROY, DATED 20TH JULY, 1480.

[Coll. of Arms, Grants, ii, pp. 627 and 633.]

To all present and to come who these present letters shall see or hear John More alias Norroy King of Arms of the Northern parts of this Kingdom of England greeting and love with humble recommendation. Equity wills and right ordains that virtuous men and of noble courage be by their merits and renown rewarded and not only their persons in this mortal life so brief and transitory but after them those who issue from their body and shall be procreated shall in all places (have) great honour perpetually before others, shining by certain signs and demonstrations of honour and courtesy. To wit by blazon helmet and crest in order that by their example others again will force themselves perseveringly to use their days in deeds of arms and virtuous works to gain the renown of that ancient courtesy in their lineage and posterity and for this end I, Norroy King of Arms as above mentioned, not only by common renown but

also by the report and witness of other noble men worthy of credence truly advertize and certify that Christopher Brown of the County of Lincoln gentleman (who has for a long time followed feats of arms and also in his other affairs has carried himself valiantly and governed honourably) has truly deserved and is worthy that henceforward perpetually he and his posterity be in all places honourably admitted, renowned, accounted, numbered and received in the number and in the company of other former courteous and noble men and for this (seeing all these things also nobly done) I forthwith fulfil his request in this case, as right and reason will it, for the remembrance of this courtesy by virtue of the authority and power granted and attributed to my office of King of Arms I devise, ordain and assign to the above-mentioned Christopher Brown for him and his posterity the blason helmet and crest in the following manner: To wit *d'argent en sable parti en bende trois mascles entre charges, en son heaulme la moitie d'une Grue desployant ses elles, la queue nouee, tenant ung Escrip en son bec pour "aprendre amourir"* as the picture in the margin in front shows it, to have and to hold for himself and his posterity and them to invest for ever. Therefore in witness of this I Norroy King of Arms above mentioned have signed with my hand and sealed with my seal these presents. Made and given at Nottingham the twentieth day of July the year of grace one thousand four hundred and eighty.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST (ORIGINAL IN FRENCH) TO WILLIAM BULMER OF UPPISLAND, CO. YORK, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS WRYOTHESLY, GARTER, AND THOMAS WALL, NORROY, DATED 22ND MARCH, 1520.

[Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 212.]

To all present and to come who shall see or hear these present letters, Thomas Wryothesly otherwise called Garter King of Arms of the English and Thomas Wall otherwise called Norroy King of Arms of the parts of the North and also of the Kingdom of England, greeting with humble recommendation.

Equity demands and reason orders that men virtuous and of noble courage be rewarded for their merits and good fame, and not only their persons in this mortal life, so brief and transitory, but after them, those procreated from their bodies, in all places for ever, with other fame, by certain signs and marks of honour and nobility. That is to say, of blazon, helm and crest, so that by their example others shall be induced more persistently to use their strength in feats of arms & virtuous works to acquire the fame of nobility in their line and posterity, and for ourselves, Garter, King of Arms of the English and Norroy King of Arms of the parts of the North aforesaid, not only by the common fame but also by the report and testimony of many noble men worthy of belief we are verily advertised and informed that William Bulmer, of Uppisland in the county of York, gentleman, natural son of Sir tauff [*sic*? meant for rauff=Ralph] Bulmer, of Wilton, in the same county, Knight, has for long [left blank in MS.] deeds of virtue, and as well as that as in other things has carried

himself virtuously & governed himself honourably & has well deserved and is worthy that at present and for ever, he and his posterity be in all places honourably admitted, renowned and counted and received among the number and in the company of other gentle and noble men. And for the remembrance of the same, his good renown, by virtue of the authority and power annexed and attributed to our office of Kings of Arms, we have devised, ordered and assigned to the said William Bulmer, for him and his said posterity, with their differences, blazon, helm and crest, in the manner following. That is to say, *Cest assavoir gueules a ung lion Rampant p'ti p' fece dor et dargent arme dasur entre deux coquilles auster* (? for aussi) *fece le champ seme seme* (sic) *de billetz du premier parte du lion a son timbre ung den* (? for demi) *torreau & gueules double dargent les botie* (? for bouts) *des Cornes a vne Cogqile entre deux billitz or impale* (? for en pale) *assis sur vne torse dargent et dassur a gantelle* (sic) *de gueules double dargent si comme la picture en marge*, as in the picture in the margin* [margin left blank—ED.] is demonstrated, to bear and to hold for him and his said posterity and they to use the same for ever; in testimony whereof we, Garter King of Arms of the English and Norroy King of Arms of the parts of the North aforesaid have signed with our hands, sealed with the seals of arms these presents.

Made and given at London, 22nd day of March, the year of our lord Jesus Christ [left blank] and in the year of the King Henry the Eighth, our dread and sovereign lord the twelfth.

Th. W. Garter King
of Arms of the English.

By me, Norroy King of Arms.

(* There is no trick in the margin, and there appear to be many mistakes in the Harl. MS., evidently copied by someone not understanding the original French. The blasoning follows the MS.—ED.)

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO LOUIS CAERLION, KNT. AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, BY JOHN WRITHE, GARTER, DATED ST. SAMPSON'S DAY (28TH JULY, 1491).

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 401.]

A tous p'sens et ad venir qui ces p'sents Letters Veiront ou Orront iohn writhe autrement dit Gartier Roy d'armes des Anglois salut avec Humble recommandaçon equite Veult et ordonne q les homes vertueux et de noble Courage soient par leurs meritis, et bone renomée mortelle vie tant breifne et transitorie, mais apres eux ceulx qui de leurs corps issiront et seront perchez sorent en toutz places de grant honneur perpetuellement avec autres rehy sans poor Certaines Ensignes et demonstresances de honneur, et de noblesse cest assavoix de blason healme et timbre assigne a leur Exemple autres plus sefforcent de pseverament vser leurs jours en faitz de Armes et Ocumres [? Oeuvres] vertuouses pour acquirir la renomée d ancienne noblesse en leur signe et posterite, et pourse y^e Gartier Roy d armes des anglois dessusdit qui non pas seulement par Coimune

renome Mais auissi, par le Rapport, et tesmoignage de pleuseurs dignes de ffoy suis pour vray ad verty et informe que messire lovis Caerlion Chevalier, et docteur en Medecine a longuement persuy les faitz de vertu, et de noblesse, et tant en ce que autres ses affaires sest porte vertueusement, et honourablement gouverne tellement quil a bien deservy et est digne que doresnavat ppetuellment luy et sa posterite soient en toutes places honorables admis renomnes comptez nombrez et receeuz on nombre, et en la compagnee des autres gentils, et nobles homes, et pour la remēbrance dicelle sa noblesse par vertue de lautorite, et powir annexe et attribue a mondit office de Roy d armes ay devyse ordoñe et assigne au susdit messier Louis pour luy et la posterite avec leur difference deue le blason heaulme et timbre en la mannoir qui sui sauit, Cestassavoir *d argent et de v^t party en pale vng cheife b. sur le dit cheife trois Estoilles de or et d Arg^t party a son timbre vng Orynall dedens son case en leurs p^rpres couleurs assis sur vne toree de or et de purpure mantele de v^t double argent*, si come la picture en la marge cy deuant le demonst a voir et tenir pour luy et sa dit posterite, et eulx a vser a Tousiour mais en tesmoing de ce le Jartier Roy d armes dessusdit ay signe de ma maine et seelle du seell de mes armes ces p^rsētes, fait et donne a Londres le jour de St Sampson lan de n^re S^r m: cccc quater vingtz et Treize (*sic*), et lan du Raigne de Henry le septiesme n^re tres redouble et Sovereigne Seigneur le huitiesme.

AUGMENTATION AND DIFFERENCE OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM CAGE OF LINCOLN'S INN, OUTER BARRISTER, AND TO THE ISSUE OF ROBERT CAGE, HIS FATHER, OF LONDON, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE, KNT., CLARENCEUX, DATED 1ST MARCH, 1624.

[Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 413.]

To all and singuler as well nobles as Gentlemen as others to whome these p^rsents shall come S^r Richard St. George Kn^t Clarenceulx King of Armes of the East West and south parts of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward send greeting in our Lord God Euerlasting know yee that forasmuch as that it hath been an Antient Custome and to this day is continued in all Countryes and Co^mon Wealthes well Gouverned that the hono^{ble} Acts and Vertuous Endeauours of worthy men from tyme to tyme haue beene remembred and recommended to posterity by certeyne Tokens and remembrances of hono^r Comonly called Armes being the outward demonstracons of their inward vertues enciteing others by their Examples to the Imitation of their like Laudable workes, and worthy Atchiuements dureinge this transitory Life which said Tokens of honor are diuersly distributed accordinge to ye Quallities of the parties demeriteing the same to ye End that such as haue done comendable service to their prince or Country either in warr or peace may therefore both receiue due hono^r and Estimacon in this Life and alsoe deriue and convey the same successiuey to their offsprig and posterity for euermore in which respect William Cage Esq^r one of the Ouster Barristers at Law of Lincolns Inn

in the County of Midd^x sonne and heire of Robert Cage of London younger sonne of Richard Cage of Packenham in the Countye of Suffolke which Richard was father alsoe of Anthony Cage of London father of another Anthony Cage of Longstorie in the County of Cambridge father of Sr John Cage of the same place and County Kn^t now liueing hath request me the said Clarenceulx to make search how his ancesters did and how he may beare their Antient Armes, and the same to Exemplifie Blason testitie confirme and allowe I could not but condescend to his soe reasonable & lawfull request therein and vpon diligent search findeing the Armes of that family to be *party p' pale Gules and Asure a Saltier Or: and the Crest thereunto belonging to be on a wreath of the Coullers a Buck Ermyne attired Or:* which the said Wilm Cage is desirous in part to waue and to be take himselfe to some distinct difference which might distinguish him, and his posterity from the said Antient and elder house, and which he may beare without p^rjudice offence to that or any other family I the said Clarenceulx to his said Antient Coate of Armes by way of Difference haue augmented the same with *a Cheife Ermyne* and to his Crest haue added *a Chapeau gules, turned vpp Ermine placing thereon the aforesaid Bucke with hearme and Chantles of his Coullours* as more playnely appeareth depicted in ye margin The which Armes & Crest and euery part and parcell thereof I the said Clarenceulx King of Armes by vertue and Authority to myne Office, annexed and granted Exemplified ratified allowed giuen granted and Confirmed vnto and for the said William Cage and his issue & posterity and to and for the issue and posterity of Robert Cage his father for euermore to beare vse and sett forth, in Sheild Coate Armour or otherwise with there due differences at there and euery of their liberties and pleasures according to the Law of Armes, without Impediment lett or Interrupcion of any pson or psons whatsoever. In witnes whereof I the said Clarenceulx King of Armes haue signed these presents with my hand and therevnto putt the seale of myne Office the first day of March A^o 1624 in the Two and Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England, ffraunce and Ireland defend^r of the faith &c. and of Scotland the eight and fiftyeth.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO JOHN CALDWELL (COLDWELL),
GENTLEMAN, DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, FROM THE NORTH,
BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 18TH FEB., 1578.

[MS. Ashm. 834, fo. 19b.]

Omnibus et singulis tam presentibus quam futuris hoc scriptum visuris lecturis vel audituris Willelmus Flower armiger aliter dictus Norroy principalis Heroaldus et rex Armorum partium Orientalium, Occidentalium, et Septentrionalium regni Angliæ ultra ripam fluvij de Trent, salutem in Domino Semipternam. Quum generosus vir Johannes Coldewell medicinæ doctor præclari generis ex veteri sui cognominis prosapia in borealibus regni partibus oriundus, obnixè me rogauerit vt antiqua familiæ suæ arma sue insignia iuxta veram Heroaldicæ artis disciplinam ei significarem. Ego quidem viro virtute et eruditione claro, deq; patria benemerito gratificari cupiens, antiquis et authenticis

Heroaldicæ artis registris euolutis serinijsq3 sacris diligenter perlustratis, avita ac propria familiæ suæ arma siue insignia gentilitia quas maiores illius hactenus gestauerunt & vsi sunt, inueni, et in forma quæ sequitur describenda curavi, *Campus scilicet scaccatus de coloribus albo et atro, in capite scuti aureo tres fasces spicarū rubei coloris, Gallicè sic. Checque d'argent et de sable, in le chief d'or troys garbes de blè gueules.* Et ne rei tantopere quæsitæ tamq3 memoria dignæ cognitio diutius delitesceret, néve temporis iniuria, seu alia quauis occasione, nouē inquisitionis materia denūo præbeatur, Arma siue insignia prædicta pro pleniori notitia magis ad visum in margine præsentium delineanda depingendaq3 curavi. Quæ quidem insignia clypei antiqua ego prænominatus Norroy rex Armor', virtute et autoritate functionis et officij mei à regia magestate mihi in hac parte concessæ, dicto Johanni Coldewell posterisq3 suis addixi, tradidi, et inperpetuū confirmavi. Habenda, vtenda, gerenda et ostendenda honoris gratia quibuscunque loco et tempore pro eorū arbitrio, aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione, id vt ne fieri possit, non obstante. In quorū omniū et singulorū fidem et testimoniū, ego Norroy rex Armorū prædictus hijs præsentibus manu mea propria subscripsi, et appensione sigilli officij mei præsens diploma corroboraui. Dat' Londino 18 die mensis Februarij anno salutis à Christo Millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo octauo.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM CARPENTER OF
COBHAM IN THE COUNTY OF SURREY, ESQUIRE, BY SIR
EDWARD BYSSHE, KNT., CLARENCEUX, DATED 4TH MARCH,
1663.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 165b.]

To all & singular vnto whome these psentes shall come S^r Edward Byshe
K^t Clar King of Armes principall herauld & King of Armes of all y^e south, east,
& west parts of ye realme of england from ye river of trent southward sendeth
gretings wearas William Carpenter of Cobham in ye county of Surry esquier
one of ye gentlemen of his majesty priuye chamber-extraordinary hath de-
sired me to assigne unto him such armes & crest as he may lawfully beare know
you therfore y^t I haue thought fit to assigne unto him ye armes hereafter men-
tioned *Argent a greyhound passant & cheife sables & for his creast on a helmet and
wreath of his colours a greyhound head sable crased argent mantled gules doubled
argent* as in y^e margent* are more lively depicted all which armes & crest I ye
said clar K. of armes by seale of England doe give & grant unto ye said William
Carpenter & to ye severall discendants of his body lawfully begotten obsereing
there due differences according to ye law of armes for ever. In witness weare
of I haue to these psents affixed y^e seal of myne office & subscribed my name
dated ye fourth day of march Anno Do. 1663.

* Trick of Arms in margin.—[ED.]

GRANT OF CREST, AND CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO THE
DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS CAUSTON OF OXTED, CO.
SURREY, BY SIR THOMAS ST. GEORGE, GARTER, AND SIR
HENRY ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 26TH FEB., 1699.

[From original grant at the Society of Antiquaries, MS. 573-73.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, S^r Thomas S^t George Knight Garter Principal King of Arms and S^r Henry S^t George Knight Clarenceux King of Arms send Greeting. Whereas Mary Causton widow late Wife of Thomas Causton of Oxted in the County of Surrey deceased, having made her application to his Grace Henry Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal of Engl^d in behalf of her children being Infants, for a Grant of a Crest and Confirma^on of y^e Coat of Arms that hath been borne and used by her said late Husband's Ancestors His Grace being satisfied in the Premisses, and of the qualifica^ons of the said Family as to their Antiquity and Repute, did there vpon by his Warrant bearing date 5^o July last past, order and appoint Us to Confirm y^e said Coat with y^e addition of a Collar Counter changed of y^e Field and Assign a Crest thereunto to be born and used by the Descendents of the said Tho. Causton Know ye therefore that We the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of the said Earl Marshall's Order and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our offices to Us respectively granted under the Great Seale of England do Confirm the Coat sett forth in the Petition of the said Mary Causton, and in y^e certificate relating thereunto, scil^t *Party per Pale Gules and Azure, a leopard Rampant argent, Gorged with a Collar Counterchanged of the Field* and thereunto have Granted y^e following Crest, viz^t *On a Wreath Arg^t & Gules a Demi Leopard Rampant Argent, Gorg'd with a Collar Party per pale Gules and Azure*, as in the margin hereof is more plainly depicted. To be borne and used for ever hereafter by the Heirs and Descendents of the said Thomas Causton, according to the Law of Arms, without the Lett or interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof we the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Arms have to these presents subscribed our names, and affixed the Seals of our respective offices this Twenty sixth day of February in the Twelfth year of the Raigh of our Sovereign Lord William the Third by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc^a Annoq Domini Millesimo Sexcentesimo nonagesimo nono.

(Signature of Garter obliterated.)

Hen. S^t George, Clarenceux
King of Arms.

Seals missing.

Coloured coat of arms and crest in corner. Ornamented gold scroll in margin.

AUGMENTATION OF ARMS TO JOHN CAVALCANTIS OF FLORENCE,
BY THE KING [HENRY VIII], DATED [5TH FEB., 1520-21].

[MS. Ashm. 834, I, fo. 74.]

Henricus Dei gr̃a &c.

Laudatissimi moris semper est habitum vt hi quor' industria in aliquo pulchro facinore præclara extitisset, virtutis armis et meritis meritæ gloriæ insignijs decorarentur, quo laudis desiderio non solum quod virtuti consonum antea edidissent, illustrarent et augerent, verum etiam suo exemplo ad huiusmodi quodpiam gerendum cæteros inflammarent ac prouocarent, immensumq3 gloriæ calcar ex hac dignitate alijs adderent, vnde factum est vt generis nobilitatem et antiquor' suor' prosapiam virtute Comite clariorem effecerint. Nos itaq3 nobiscum perpendentes generosi ac dilecti nobis viri Johannis Cavalcantis cuius Florentini animi magnitudinem ingenij excellentiam et sūmam in rebus agendis peritiam, egregijs animi dotibus adiunctam, necnon parem erga nos fidem pluribus officijs diu antea comprobata, aliquod nostræ in ipsum affectionis signum exhibere voluimus, et inter Regij nostri cubiculi nobiles charosque familiares adsigniuimus (*sic*) et adscripsimus: Cumque præter cōmemoratas virtutes indies magis optime de nobis merendi cupidum esse percipiamus, aliquod honoris præmium, et firæ gratitudinis iudicium haud obscurum illi declar' voluimus, ipsiusq3 Arma quibus ab antiquo suo stemmate acceptis *argenteo campo integris et dimidiatis rubeisq3 crucibus in acutum ordine insertis* vtitur, ex nostror' quoq3 insignium et Armor' additione et augmentatione in hunc qui sequitur modum decorauimus et ornauimus, videlicet vt dicti Johannis Arma *ceruleo vallo in inflexum per nos appposito distinguantur, cuius vtrunq3 latus aureis duobus lilijs ornatur, in medio autem spacio aureus leo incedens ac hianti ore torne inspiciebat, inter hæc duo lilia concluditur.* Pars vero scuti eminentior galea argentea auro circumdata nonnullis hinc inde ex nigro pluribus ex argento appendicibus ornatus gratia distinetur pro casca deinde fascis ex viridi et argento intortus insidet cuius sumitas flamma continetur ex hac Pegasus equus anteriori parte argenteus, posteriori vero per fissuram auro coruscans rubeis cerulijsq3 alis ex auro insertis guttis ferocissime susultans videlicet Quæ arma in harum literar' margine proprijs depicta coloribus apertius omnibus inspicere atq3 intueri licet. Volumus igitur vt hac ex insignijs nostris armor' additione idem Johannes servus ac familiaris noster eiusq3 hæredes legitimiq3 successores è suo corpore prodeuntes, liberè et tute inperpetuū non secus vtantur quam hi ab antiquo propria illi fuissent. In quorum omnium robur et testimonium, &c.

Me^d etiam scribantur ista insignia lingua Gallica, vt tanto evidentius constare poterit apud Caduceatores et Veteranos.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST AND SUPPORTERS
TO THE CITY OF CHESTER BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY,
DATED 3RD SEPT., 1580.

[MS. Ashm. 844, Part II, fo. 51.]

The truest copy of the patent made to the Citie of Chester, 1580.

Omnibvs et singulis tam regibus ad Arma siue Heraldis, quam nobilibus cæterisque hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, Willelmus Flower armiger aliter dictus Norroy rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium regni Angliæ borealium, Salutem in Domino sempiternam.

Qvum Venerabiles viri Maior et ciues ciuitatis Cestriæ, sicut et eorum prædecessores, multis et egregijs priuilegijs à regibus Angliæ Comitibusque Cestriæ Palatinis, sint indulti, et per nomen Maioris et ciuium ciuitatis Cestriæ incorporati: Virtute cuius quidem incorporationis ciuitas prædicta (sicut et alij regni Angliæ ciuitates) Armorum siue insigniorum longo vsu ac demonstratione, clarior et spectabilior multo efficitur. Quoniam vero relictis Armis siue insignijs prædictæ ciuitatis antiquis, et ferè penitus è memoria deletis, alia noua insignia prætensa (et nulla autoritate fulcita*) sibi assumpserunt; eisdemque per multos annos elapsos vsi sunt: qua in re, illorum quorum præcipuè intererat negligentia siue incuria, grauiter erratum est. Et quia neque supra Arma siue insignia prædicta antiqua (quod plærunque et alijs nonnullis similiter accidit) vlla reperitur galea auctuario (quod tymbrum siue Cristam vocant) decenter ornata; neque ad latera Armorum animalia collateralia (quæ supportatores vulgo appellamus) quibus Scuti tutela committitur, cernuntur. Idcirco ego prædictus Norroy rex Armorum, non solum quod est officij mei in reformatione delictorum priorum temporum exequutus, *Arma siue insignia antiqua† coloribus rubeo et asorio siue cæruleo per longum distincta, quorum pars prior (quæ et regia appellari merito potest) dimidiatos tres leones gradientes et respicientes aureos quam speciosissimè ostendat, altera vero pars ab ipsis Comitibus olim Palatinis mutuata, spicarum fascem vnum integrum, et dimidiatum alium aureum præ se fert*, dictæ ciuitati plenariè et in integrum restitui per præsentem. Ac insuper obnixè rogatus vt prædictæ Ciuitati in hac parte non deessem, quin potius, quantum in me est, Ciuitati et societati tam præclaræ, deque Principe et patria nostra tam benè meritæ, gratificarer: pro maiori et ampliori ornamento Ciuitatis prædictæ, *pro Crista supra galeam, regalitatis et Iusticiæ symbolum gladium*

* Words in brackets are struck out in the MS.—[ED.]

† The arms borne by the City—*England dimidiating three garbs*—are, as shown by the lost small Statute Merchant seal, probably at least as old as 1283. They were formally confirmed to the City by William Flower, Norroy, by grant dated Sept. 3rd, 1580, which included a crest—*on a wreath or, gules, and azure, a sword of state erect, point upwards, scabbard sable, hilt and pommel or, appendant thereto a belt sable, buckled or*—and supporters: *dexter a lion rampant or, ducally gorged argent, and sinister, a wolf salient argent, ducally gorged or* (Jewitt and Hope, on *Corporation Plate and Insignia of Office*, i, 64).

The grant of arms to the City of Chester has several endorsements on the back, as follows: "A confirmation of the creste and supporters to the auncient arms of the city given by King Richard II but confirmed 1580." "Confirmed by St. George on my visitation, 1613." "Ensign Armorial, on bearings, commonly called arms, were first granted to the City of Chester by King Edward III. in the mayoralty of William Bruckhull, v. p. 1329." "These bearings were re-granted and confirmed, and a city sword given, by King Richard II. in the mayoralty of John Armourer, A.D. 1394." (Architect., Archæol., and Historic Society of Chester, i, 181.)

vaginatum erectum cinguloque cinctum, totum deauratum assignavi, situatum super torquem aureis, rubeis, asorijsque coloribus distinctum, simul cum mantellis siue appendicibus partim rubeis partim asorijs intrinsecus argento duplicatis. Et ulterius in clypei siue scuti sustentationem, leonem aureum corona argentea circa collum redimitum à dextro, et lupum argenteum aurca similiter corona circa collum cinctum à sinistro latere destinaui: quemadmodum in margine præsentium pro pleniori notitia magis ad viuum suis metallis atque coloribus illuminanda, delineanda, depingendaque curavi.

Qvæ quidem insignia clypei antiqua, vnà cum apice seu Crista galeæ imposita, animalibusque prædictis collateralibus dictum clypeum sustentibus et supportantibus, ego prænominatus Norroy rex Armorum, virtute et autoritate functionis et officij mei, à regia maiestate mihi in hac parte concessæ, digna dignis vt præscriberem admissus, dictis Maiori et ciuibz præfatæ ciuitatis Cestriæ eorumque successoribus, in maiorem honoris incrementum, et Ciuitatis prædictæ decus atque ornamentum perenne, dedi, tradidi, et imperpetuum confirmaui per præsentés. Habenda, vtenda, et ostendenda honoris gratia quibuscunque loco et tempore pro eorum arbitrio, aliquo impedimento, contradictione, aut prohibitione id vt ne fieri possit, non obstantibus. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium, ego Norroy rex Armorum prædictus hijs præsentibus nomen meum manu mea propria subscripsi, et appensione sigilli officij mei præsens meum diploma corroboraui. Datvm Cestriæ tertio die Septembris Anno Christi Saluatoris M.D.LXXX regni verò Sere-nissimæ reginæ Elizabethæ vicesimo atque secundo.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ALEXANDER CHILDBORNE OF
LONDON, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 1st DEC., 1539.

[Original Grant in Harl. MS. 7025, fo. 202.]

[Stowe MS. 677, fo. 14.]

To all nobles & gentills these psent lres hearing or seeing Tho. Hawley aîs Clarenceulx principall herald & King of Armes of the South Est & West parts of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth dew Comendantions as equity willeth & Reason ordeyneth that men vertuous & of noble Courage be by their meritts & good Renowne not ownley in their psonns in this mortall liffe so breeffe & Transetory but after them those that shall desend of there Bodyes to be in all places of honor wth other nobles & gentills by certeyne Insignes & demonstrances of honor & noblese that is to say Blasen healme & Timbre to thend that other may y^e more in fforce there selues to haue pseuerance to vse there dayes in ffeats of Armes & werks vertuous to gett the renowne of Auntiant noblese in their lignes & posterities and therefore I Clarenceulx King of Armes aboue written not only by the Comon renowne but also by the reporte & witnesse of diuers others worthy to be taken of word & Credance and surely aduertised & informed that Alexander Childeborne of london gentleman is descended of a howse vndefamed & hath long persued the ffeates of

Armes & werks vertuous and in all other his affaires hath gouerned him selfie vertuously & discreetly so that he hath well deserved ffrom henceforth he & his posterity to be in all places of honor admitted renowned Counted numbred & taken in the number & Company of other nobles & gentills & ffor Remembrance of the same noblesse by the vertue Authority & power Annexed Attributed giuen & granted by the King our Souerraigne lords highnes to me & to my office of Clarenceulx King of Armes by expresse words vnder his most noble great Seale haue deuised ordeined & assigned to the sayd Alexander Childeborne Gentilman ffor him & his posterity wth their dew difference Blasen healme & Timbre in the manner that ffolloweth that is to say *Siluer and Gules partie palle on a cheueron ingrayled betwene 3 Gauntlets enter-changed of the feild two Cinque ffoiles ermine & crmines the Gauntlets purpiled gold vpon the healme on a wreath siluer & purple a ffesants head rasey in her proper Couler houlding in her Beake by a girdle Goules beuked Gould a sheild Siluer in a flame of ffyre Goules mantled Azure doubled Argent* as more playnley appeareth depicted in the margent To haue & to hould to him & his posterity ffor euer more. In witness of the same I the said Clarenceulx beffore written haue signed these presents wth my hand & sett there vnto the seale of my Armes wth the Seale of my office of Clarenceulx King of Armes giuen & graunted at london the first day of december the year of our lord God 1539 & of the King our soueraigne lord Hen. the 8th the 31 of his most noble Raigne.

By me Clarencieux King of Arms.

GRANT OF ARMS, CREST, SUPPORTERS AND MOTTO TO THE CLOCK-
MAKERS' COMPANY BY SIR EDWARD WALKER, GARTER,
DATED 31st JAN., 1671-2.

[From original belonging to the Clockmakers' Company.]

To all & singular whom these presents shall come S^r Edward Walker Knight Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen sendeth Greeting. Whereas the generous Actions & virtuous endeavours of Worthy Men, as also of Bodyes politique & incorporate, haue bene from time to time remembered to Posterity by certaine Honourable signes & markes commonly called Armes, as proper to testimonies of the worth & meritt of those to whom such have been assigned. And whereas his Late Majestie King Charles the first of ever glorious & blessed memory: for divers Causes & Considerations him therevnto moving, did of his especiall grace, certaine knowledg & meere motion by his Letters Patents vnder the Great Seale of England bearing Date the two and Twentyth day of August in y^e seaventh year of his Reigne Incorporate Create, Make, Erect Ordeyne & Constitute the Clock makers residing in the City of London Suburbs thereof or within Tenn miles of the said City to be one Body Corporate and Politique by the Name of The Master Wardens, & Fellowship of the Art or Mistery of Clockmaking of the City of London to have perpetuall Succession and Continuance for ever, with divers other Grants Liberties, Priviledges and Franchises as in the said Letters Patents the same are more amply expressed. Amongst which his said late Majesty Did Authorise the said Master Wardens and Fellowship of the Art and Mistery of Clock making To use a Common Seale for the

Expediting of the Causes and Businesses of them and their Successors. In which regard and also for the greater honour and Splendor of the said Company and Fellowship it is and will be necessary that proper and peculiar Armes & Ensignes be assigned them to be vsed in their Comon Seale and all other fitt occasions Know y^e therefore that I the said Sr Edward Walker Knight Garter Principall King of Armes by the power and Authority annexed vnto my Office and Confirmed vnto me by Letters Patents vnder the Great Seale of England, Do by these presents give, grant & Assigne vnto the said Incorporate Company and Society vseing the Art & Mistery of Clockmakeing in the City of London the Suburbs & within Tenn miles thereof wherof at present Nicholas Coxeter is Master, Samuell Horne & Jeffery Baily are Wardens, as also Edward East the only person now living of those mentioned in the said Letters Patents of Incorporaçon, John Nicasius, John Pennock, Edmond Gilpin, Jeremie Gregory, Thomas Taylor, Thomas Claxton, John ffreeman, Evan Jones, Isaac Daniell, John Matchet, Ralph Almond, Samuell Vernon, Henry Kent, Walter Hayes, John Browne, Nicholas Payne, Richard Ames and Benjamin Bell are Assistants and to the rest of the Fellowship and Company thereof and to their Successors for ever The Armes, Crest, Supporters, and Motto hereafter mentioned (vizt.) *Sable a Clock ye 4 Pillars thereof erected on 4 Lyons, and on each Capitall a Globe with a Crosse, and in the Middest an Imperiall Crowne all Or, and for their Crest upon an Helmet Proper Mantled Gules Doubled Argent and Wreath of their Colours a spheare Or, The Arms Supported by the Figures of a Naked Old Man holding a Scithe and an Hour Glasse representing Time, and of an Emperour in Roabes, Crowned holding a Scepter, Their motto Tempus rerum Imperator: As in the Margent they are all more lively depicted.** The which Armes Crest Supporters and Motto the said Master Wardens Fellowship and Company vseing y^e art and Mistery of Clockmakeing commonly called Clockmakers & their Successours for ever may and shall lawfully use in their Common Seale and beare and sett forth in Sheild Coat Armour Standard Pennon or otherwise vpon all occasions without the lett or interruption of any person whomsoever. In wittness whereof I have herevnto subscribed my Name and affixed the Seale of my Office this one and thirtyth day of January in the four and twentyth yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. Annoq Domini 167½.

Edw. Walker, Garter.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO FRANCIS COLIER OF
DARLESTON, CO. STAFF., ESQRE., BY SIR WILLIAM SEGAR,
GARTER, DATED 10TH OCT., 1629.

[MS. Ashm. 858, No. 74, p. 95.]

Vniversis et singulis cujuscunque loci, status, gradus, ordinis, ac conditionis, ad quos præsentēs pervenerint, Gulielmus Segar Garterus, principalis Rex Armorū Anglicorū salutem. Cum omnibus inprimis curæ esse debeat veritatem tueri, et ad eandem asserendam testimonium perhibere: tum illud mei præcipue interest, qui Rex Armorū florentissimi regni Angliæ sum constitutus,

* The original (in the Guildhall Library) has a coloured coat of arms with illuminated border of gold scroll-work and the seal of Garter attached.—[ED.]

et regia autoritate ad hos munitus; ut honores virorum nobilium, unacum Armis sive clypeis gentilitijs in officio Armorum fideliter conservem, at de eisdem, quoties rogatus fuerim attester. Ego itaque prædictus Rex Armorum, notum, testatumque facio, et hoc præsentī scripto declaro; quod hæc Arma, sive Clypeus gentilitius nobilis et antiquæ familiæ Colieriorum fuerint; qui a quodam Roberto Coliero, Gallo, stemma ducunt, et tempore Henrici sexto venit in Angliam, et habitabat apud Darleston in comitatu Staffordiæ; cujus hæres est vir clarissimus Franciscus Colier de eodem loco Armiger nunc existens; in cujus gratiam ego Gulielmus Segar eques auratus, principalis Rex Armorum, hæc unacum earum descriptione exemplificanda curavi, et simul ea eidem Francisco liberis, posterisque suis, ac etiam omnibus posteris Roberti prædicti, assignavi, concessi, et confirmavi; videlicet *in Scuto nigro Crucem patentem figitivam de auro. Crista autem super galeam, et tortile ex suis coloribus Crux patens inter duas alas Aquilæ extensis de auro Mantelum in nigro, duplicatum de auro, ut clerius supra depicta conspiciantur. In cujus rei testimonium meam subscriptionem propria manu subjunxi, et Sigillum officij mei apposui decimo die Octobris anno salutis 1629 anno que regno domini nostri Caroli dei gratia, magnæ Britanniæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regis fidei defensoris &c. quinto.*

Circumscripcion of the Seale

Gulielmus Segar Garterus.

Sig: Officii Garterii Principalis

Regis Armorum.

(The above in Dugdale's hand, except the item at the end about the seal, which is in Ashmole's.—ED.)

The arms granted to Robert Collier 1 Eliz: by Harvey Clarenceux were: *Ar. on a chev. az. between three demi-unicorns courant gu. as many acorn slips or. Crest: A demi-negro proper with pearls in his ears ar. holding in the dexter hand an acorn branch vert, fructed or; but afterwards the family bore, Sa. a cross patée fitchée or, and crest, a cross patée fitchée between two wings conjoined or, as in the above grant by Sir Wm. Segar of 10 Oct., 1629 (Topog. and Geneal., vol. iii, p. 574).—[ED.]*

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN COMPTON OF LONDON,
GENTLEMAN, BY THO: WRIOTHESLEY, GARTER, AND
THOMAS BENOLT, CLARENCEUX, DATED 14TH OCT., 1516.

[MS. Rawlinson, B. 102, fo. 110b.]

A tous presens et aduenir qui ces presens Lettres verront ou orront Tho: Wryothesley aultrement dit Jarretiere Roy darmes des Angloys: et Thomas Benolt aultrement dit Clarencieux Roy darmes des parties due Sowth en Cestuy Royalme Dengleterre. Salute et humble Recommendacion. Equite veult et Raison ordonne que les hommes vertueux et de Noble Courage soient par leur merites et bonne Renommee remuneréz non pas seulement leurs personnes et ceste vie mortelle tant bryefue et transitoire mayz apres Ceulx qui de leurs Corps yssiront procees soient en toute place perpetuellement avec aultres renommeez par certaines Ensignes et demonstresances d'honneur et de noblesse. Cestasauoire de Blazonne Heaulme et Tymbre a Fyne que a leur exemple aultres plus sefforcent de parseuerament vser leur iourz en faitz darmes et ceuures vertueuses pour acquirir la renommee dancienne noblesse en leur ligne et pos-

teritye. Et pource nous Jarretiere Roy darmes des Angloys et Clarencieulx Roy darmes de parties du Sowthe dessusditz qui non pas seulement par Commune Renommee maiz ausi par la Rapporte et tesmoignage de plusieurs nobles hommes dignes de Foy sommes pour vray aduertize et enformez que John Compton de Londres gentilhomme a longuement poursuy lez Faictes de vertue et tant en ce que aultrez ses affaires sest port vertueusement et honnorablement gouuernee tellement quil a byen deseruy et est digne que doresenauant perpetuellement luy et sa posteritie soyent en toutes places honorables admis renomeez Compteez nombrez et receupes en nombre et en la Compaignie des aultres Auncienz gentilz et nobles hommes. Et pour la remembrance dicelle sa noblesse par vertue de lauctorite et pouoir annexe et attribue a nostre Office de Roys darmes: Nous auons deuise ordonne et Assignee au dit John Compton pour luy et sadict posteritye avecques leur difference due le Blazon Heaulme et Tymbre en la maniere qui sensuit. Cestassauoire *dargent a vne onde en Fesse entre trois Masclez de geulz a vn Chiefe de Sable, sur le Chiefe vne Heaulme du champ entre deux Testez de Aigleez raseez dor. A son Tymbre vne demye Cigoigne dargent et de geulez bandee de quater pieces, les elles de sable et Entour son Col vng gemeau dor: tenant en son beq vne Trute partie de pourpou et dargent Assis sur vne Torce dor et dazure Mantelle de Sable double dargent.* Sicome la Picture en la marge ey deuante le demonstre.* A auoir et tenir pour Luy et sa dict posteritye et eulx en vser a tousiourmais. En tesmoigne de ce nous Jarretier Roy darmes des Angloys, et Clarencieulx Roy darmes des parties du Sowth dessusditz auons signees de noz mains et seellees des Seaulx de noz Armes ces presentez. Faict et donne a Londres le xiiij ioure doctober. Lan de nostre Seigneur Jhesu Crist. Mil. Cinqe Cens et xvj. Et Lan du Reigne du Roy Henry Lhutiesme nostre tres redoubte Soueraigne Seigneur viij^o.

Sigillatum sigillis Armorum tam dicti Thomæ Wriothesley
dit Garter quam dicti Thome Benolte Dicti Clarencieulx.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO SIR GEORGE CONYERS, KNT., BY
GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY, DATED 18TH MAY, 2 EDWARD
VI, 1548. [Harl. MS. 1507, fo. 450.]

To all Nobles & Gentells these p^sent letters Reading heareing or seing Gilbert Dethick ats Norry principall Hearauld and King of Armes of the North parts of this Realme of England that is to say from ye Riuer of Trent Northward sendeth due and humble Comendacons and greeting Equity Willeth & Reason Ordaineth that men vertuous and of good renowne rewarded not alonly theire persons in this mortall life too breife & transitory but alsoe after them those that shall be of their bodies discended to be in all places of honor wth other Nobles and whereas y^t soe is that S^r George Conyers Knight is discended of an Antient house beareing Armes Neuerthelesse the vncertainty vnder what sort and manner his predecestors bare their Armes Creast and Tymbre hath

* The place left for the purpose does not show the arms, which are *argent, a fesse undée between three mascles gules, on a chief sable a helmet of the field between two eagles' heads erased or.*—[ED.]

desired me the said Norry King of Armes to ratifie Order and sett forth his said Armes & Creast due & lawfull to be borne and therefore I the said Norry King of Armes as abouesaid seeing his request soe just & reasonable by the Authority and power annexed attributed giuen and granted by the King our Soueraigne Lords highnes To me Norry King of Armes by Expresse words vnder his most noble great seale haue deuised ordained & sett forth his said Armes and Creast in manner as hereafter followeth (that is to say) *Azure, a maunch gould, vpon his hearme on a Torce gould & azure an Angells winge gules* as more plainly appeareth depicted in this Margent To haue and to hold to the said Sr George Conyers Knight for him and for his posterity and they that to vse and enjoy to their Worships for Euermore. In witnes whereof I the said Norry King of Armes haue signed these p^rsents with my hand and sett thereto the seale of my Armes with ye seale of my Office of Norry King of Armes giuen and granted at London the 18th day of May in ye second yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixth by the grace of God King of England ffrance and Ireland defender of the faith &c. and of the Church of England & Ireland the supream head.

ALTERATION OF A CREST TO THOMAS COPLEY OF GATTON, IN THE COUNTY OF SURREY, ESQUIRE, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, AND WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 16TH FEB., 1568-9.

[MS. Ashm. 844, II, fo. 2b.]

Emongest the which nomber Thomas Copley of Gatton in the county of Surrey, Esquyre being one of the bears of those tokens of hono^r to witte of Armes heaulme mantelles torce and Creast. The which Creast notwithstandinge for some respectes beinge not so much to be lykyd, he hath requyrid vs the sayd kinges of Armes to shew our favo^r and to gratefy him in the alteration and chaunginge of his old and auneynt Creaste. In consyderacion wherof, and at his instant request we the sayd kinges of Armes by power and authoryte to vs comittyd by letters patentes vnd^r the greate Seale of England haue assigned gyven and grauntyd vnto the sayd Thomas Copley in lyeu and place of his sayd olde and auneynt Creast this Creast followenge that is to say: *Vpon his heaulme on a torce of his coulours a Gryphen seiaunt regardant argent*, as more playnely appeerith depictyd in this margent: Which Creast and every part and peell therof we the sayd Garter Clarencieux and Norroy kinges of Armes do by these presentes ratefy confyrme gyve and graunt vnto the sayd Thomas Copley and to his posteryte for ever. And he the same Creast to vse beare and shew at all tymes and for ever heerafter at his liberty and pleasure, wth out the impedym^{nt} lett or interruption of any pson or psonnes. In witness &c. Datyd the 16 day of February 1568.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND AUGMENTATION TO ROBERT DE
CORSON, BARON AND KNIGHT, BY MAXIMILIAN, KING OF
THE ROMANS, DATED 30TH AUGUST, 1500.

[MS. Ashm. 834, fo. 71b.]

Maximilianvs Diuina fauente clementia Romanoꝝ Rex semper Augustus, ac Hungariæ, Dalmatiæ, Croatiae &c. Rex, Archidux Austriæ, Dux Burgundiæ, Brabantia, Stiria, Carinthia, Carniole, Limburgia, Lucemburgia, Geldria, Comes Flandria, in Habsburg, Tyrolis, Garitia, Ferretis, in Kiburg, Arthesia, et Burgundia, Palatinus Hannonia, Holandia, Zelandia, Namurci, et Zutphania, Marchio sacri Romani Imperij et Burgouia, Lantgravius Alsatiæ, Dominus Frisia, Marchia Schalauonica, Portus Naonis, Salina, et Mechlinia: Nobili nostro et Imperij sacri fideli dilecto Roberto de Corson Baron[i] et Equiti aurato gratiam Regiam et omne bonum. Cvm sæpius nobiscum cogitauerimus Cæsareæ nostræ dignitatis culmen nulla magis causa ad tantum apicem erectum, quam vt florentibus in omni actione vires sua premia plena Lance referre studeat: admoniti præcipuè sumus eo plus debere Romanum Cæsarem hijs qui non modo progenitoꝝ suoꝝ nobilitate contenti hijs terminis se continent, quibus tã sua prosapia eos reliquit: sed propria virtute, proprijs gestis suorum stemmata ornare ac decorare innituntur. Edocti itaq; fide dignis testibus, quo tu multis iam prælijs digna proavarum tuoꝝ nobilitate gesseris: qua laude et gloria apud multas gentes nomen et famam tuam dilataueris: et quo nunc demum animo contra catholicæ fidei nostræ hostes immanissimos Turcos bellaueris: adeo vt totius regionis nostræ quæ in illis finibus est testimonio, singularis tua virtus nobis fuerit apprimè cõmendata: ne tui nominis posteritas suis præmijs defraudetur, et laudata tua virtus solertiolem se ad maiora peragenda indies exhibeat: Maturo consilio, certa scientia, et de plenitudine Regiæ nostræ potestatis, tibi ac hæredibus tuis legitimis ex te descendentibus Arma et Insignia quibus antiqui tui progenitores vsi fuerunt: videlicet *scutum candidi siue argentei coloris à cuius dextro superiori cornu nigra via cum tribus albis merulis rostris ac pedibus croceis per transversum in sinistrum inferius excurrit, et in superiori scuti area duo capita rubra draconum ex aperto ore sagitta prominente, et simile vnum in inferiori, à quorum cuiuslibet collo tres flammæ eiusdem coloris descendunt*: non modo confirmam et ratificamus, ac pro confirmatis et ratificatis haberi volumus: sed pro monumento gestoꝝ tuorum melioramus et hoc additamento insignimus, *vt galca torneamenti rubris ac albis tenijs redimita cum aurea corona ex cuius medio figura barbati Turci rubra veste et pileo alba fascia cincti cum arcu ac sagitta ad ictum manibus porrectis scuto superimponi debeat*: sicut melius artificis ingenio ea omnia hic in medio elaborata cernuntur. Statuimusq; ac volumus quod post hac tu ac prænominati hæredes ac descendentes tui ac ipsoꝝ hæredum hæredesq; descendentium seriatim inperpetuum prædicta Insignia armoꝝq; et additamenta habeant, deferant, illisq; in omnibus et singulis honestis decentibusq; actibus et expeditionibus, tam serio quam ioco, prælio, duello, singulari certamine, et quibuscunq; pugnis, torneamentis, hastiludijs cominus et minus, vexillis, tentorijs, signis, sigillis, monumentis, ædificijs, suppellectile et alias in locis omnibus iuxta vestram exigentem voluntatem et

desiderium, vti, fruiq3 possitis et debeatis, aptiq3 sitis et idonei ad ineundas et recipiendas omnes prærogativas, gratias, libertates, iura et consuetudines, quibus cæteri Barones à nobis et sacro Imperio huiuscemodi ornamentis insigniti gaudent et potiuntur, absq3 alicuius impedimento et contradictione. Mandantes ac serio præcipientes omnibus et singulis Principibus tam ecclesiasticis quam secularibus, Archiep̃is, Ep̃is, Ducibus, Marchionibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Militibus, Capitaneis, Vicedominis, Aduocatis, Præfectis, Regum Heraldis, Procuratoribus, officialibus, quæstoribus, Ciuium magistris, Iudicibus, Consulibus, Caduceatoribus, Ciuibus ac Comunitatibus. Et deniq3 omnibus nostris ac sacri Imperij subditis et fidelibus dilectis cuiuscunq3 status et conditionis fuerit: Quod te et prædictos hæredes ac successores tuos iugiter et inperpetuum in supradcoz insignium et Armoz ac additamentoꝝ nostroꝝ fruitione nec turbent nec impediunt: Immo illis vt supradictum est vti frui et in eis permanere quiete et pacificè sinant. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc nostræ concessionis ordinacõis assumptionis sublimationis et gratiæ paginam infringere; aut ei ausu temerario contraire: si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumperit, nostri et Imperij sacri indignationem grauissimam ac poenam quinquaginta marcaꝝ auri puri tociens quotiens contrafactum fuerit ipso facto irremissibiliter se nouerit incursum, quarum medietatem Imperialis fisci nostri siue ærarij, residuam vero partem iniuriam passoꝝ, vsibus decernimus applicari, Harum testimonio litterarum nostri Regalis sigili appensione munitarum. Datum in ciuitate nostra Imperiali Augusta Anno Dñi Millesimo quingentesimo die tricesima mensis Augusti, Regnoꝝ nroꝝ Romani quintodecimo Hungariæ vndecimo annis.

Ad mandatum Dñi Regis
proprium.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO ROBERT
CROSSE OF CHURLENGE, CO. SOMERSET, GENTLEMAN, BY
ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 23RD JAN., 1584.

[MS. Rawlinson, B. 102, fo. 110.]

To all and singuler aswell Kings Heraulds and Officers of Armes as Nobles gentilmen and others w^{ch} these present Lettres shall see or heare Robert Cooke esquire otherwise called Clarenciaulx principall Heraulde and Kinge of Armes of the East sowthe and west partes of Englande from the Ryver of Trent Sowthwarde sendeth dewe Commendacions and greetinge Forasmuche as Aunciently from y^e begynninge the valiaunt and verteous actes of excellent persons have bene commended to the worlde wth sondery Monuments and remembrances of their good deserts. Emongest the w^{ch} one of the Chiefest and most vsuall have bene y^e bearinge of Signes and Tokens in Shields called Armes the w^{ch} are no other things then Euidences and demonstrations of Prowesse and valoure dyuersly distributed accordinge to the qualities and deserts of the persons: that suche signes and tokens of the diligent faithfull and couragious might appeare before the negligent Cowarde and ignorante, and be an efficient cause to move styrre and kendell the hartes of men to the imitation of vertue and noblenes. Even so hathe the same bene and yet is Contynually observed to the entente

that suche as have done Comendable service to their Prynce and countrey either in warre or peace may bothe receave dewe hono^r in their lyves and also deryve the same successively to their posterity after them. And wheras Robert Crosse of Churlenge in the Countie of Somerset gentleman, sonne of William Crosse of the same place and Countie gentillman is descended of an howse longe tyme bearinge Armes: and yet beinge vncerten in what Manner and forme his Auncestors bare their Creaste, Hathe required me the saide Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes to assigne to these his Auncient Armes That is to saye *Sables a Fesse in Chiefe two Molletts Argent pierced gewles*, A Creaste or Cognisance dewe and lawfull to be borne. Whervpon in Consideringe his reasonable request I the saide Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes by power and auctoritye to my Office annexed and graunted by lettres Patentes vnder the greate seale of Englande: have Assigned geven and graunted vnto the saide Roberte Crosse gentleman this Creast or Cognisaunce hereafter followinge. That is to say *Vpon the hearme on a wreathe Argent and Sables a Turrett Argent the toppe all flaminge fyre. Manteled gewles doubled Syluer* As more playnly appereth depicted in this Margent. The w^{ch} Armes and Creaste, I y^e said Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes doe ratifye confyrme geve and graunte, vnto the saide Roberte Crosse gent. and to his posterity wth their dewe differences the same to vse beare and shewe in Shielde Coate Armour or otherwise. And therein to be re-vested at his or their Liberty and pleasure w^{thout} impediment lett or interruption of any person or persons. In witnesse wherof I the saide Clarencieulx Kinge of Armes have signed these presents wth my hande and set thervnto the seale of my office. Given at London the xxijth daye of January in the yeare of o^r Lorde god: 1584: And in the xxvjth yeare of the Raigne of o^r dread Soueraigne La: Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England Fraunce and Ireland defender of y^e faith, etc.

Sealed: wth y^e seale
of his Office.

GRANT OF CREST TO SIR ROBERT CROSSE, KNT., BY WILLIAM
CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, DATED 27TH APRIL, 1602.

[A MS. in the possession of The Harleian Society.]

To all and Singular as wel Nobles & Gentlemen as others to whom these presentes shall come I William Camden Clarenceux King of Armes of the South East & West parts of this realme of England from the River of Trent southwards, sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Among many & sundrie monumentes devised by our prudent progenitors to commend the memory of men of worth & good desert to succeeding ages; It is notorious that the chiefest & most usuall hath been the bearing of signes in Shields commonly called Armes both as evident demonstrations of their virtues & rewards of the same. That for their commendable service to their Prince & Countrey in warre or peace they may in their lyves receive due honor & derive the same after their death successively to their posteritye. And Whereas Syr Robert Crosse, Knight, Sonne of William Crosse of Charleng in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, is descended of an howse long time bearing Armes, and yet uncertaine in what manner and forme his Auncestors bore their Crest, hath required

me the said Clarenceux King of Armes to assigne a Creast to his auncient Armes of his (viz.) "*Quarterly argent & gules, on the first quarter a cross crosslet of the second.*" I considering his reasonable request and withall his valuous & laudable service to God, his Prince & Country in sundry military imployments both by sea & land, especially against the Spanish Armada 1588, at the overthrow and burning of the Spanish Navy in the Bay of Cadiz or Cales & winning of the famous town of Cadiz, 1596, for the which he most deservedly received the Order of Knighthood, have given graunted and assigned for his Creast on a wreath of his coullors "*A crosse formée fitchée argent between two wings gules & thereupon two crosse crosslets of the first,*" as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margine. The which Armes & Creast, & every part and parcell thereof I the said King of Armes by power & authority of my Office annexed under the Great Seale of England doe by theis presentes, allow, ratifie & confirme unto the said Syr Robert Crosse, Knight, & to his posterity with their due differences for ever without ympediment or interruption of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I the said Clarenceux have hereunto sett my hand & seale of Office. Dated the seaven and twentyeth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1602, and in the fouer & fortyeth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereaigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queene of England Ffraunce & Ireland—Defender of the Faith &c. &c.

William Camden, Clarenceux
Kinge of Armes, &c.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS OF JOHN CUERTON, ESQ., DWELLING AT BILBAO IN SPAIN, BY WILLIAM HARVEY, CLARENCEUX.

[No date, but William Harvey was Clarenceux from 21st Nov., 1557, to his death, 27th Feb., 1567–8.]

[MS. Ashm. 834, I, fo. 49.]

To all and singuler aswell kinges Herauldes and officers of Armes as nobles gentilmen and others which these presentes tres shall se or here Wiłm Harvy esquire ats Clarencieulx principał herauld and kinge of Armes of the sowthe east and west ptes of England from the River of Trent Sowthward sendeth due cōmēdations and gretinge for asmouche as aunciently from the begminge the valient and vertuous actes of excellent persons have bene cōmēded to the world with soundry monumentes and remembraūces of their good desartes emonge the which the chieftest and most vsuał hath bene the bearinge of signes and tokens in shieldes called Armes beinge no other thinges then evidences and demonstraçons of prowes & valour diuersly distributed accordinge to the qualities and desertē of the persons, Which order as it was prudentlie devysed to stire and kindle the hartes of men to Imitaçon of vertue yeven so hath the same bene and yet is continually observed. To thintent that suche as have done cōmendable service to their Prince or contrey ether in ware or peace might both receve due honor in their lyues and also derive the same by succession vnto their posteritie after them, And sence it is not possible for eny worldly thinge to continue longe in one estate nor that the policy of man can so provide but that proces of tyme altereth the same, It was not therfore withowte greate

providence ordeyned that ther shold be Herauldꝑ and kinge of Armes, to whose office it is appropriat to kepe in Registers the Armes Pedegrees and dissent of nobles and gentilmen to thintent that honour Justly wone shuld not lightly be forgottē and brought in oblivion, And heerevpon one Wiłm Bromhill in the name and as procurer of the woorshipfuł M^r John Cuerton esquire now dwelling at Bilbow within the realme & domynion of Spayne exhibitinge vnto me certeyne lres patentꝑ vnder the queenes Ma^{tie} great seale of England contenege therin thexemplyfication of the sainges and depositions of diverse witnes sworne and producted in the scyte of chester Before the Maior and certeyne other the Aldermen of the same especially appoynted thervnto by her Ma^{ties} lres of comision therin enserted Towchinge the trewe declaration of the stocke and linage of the same Johñ Cuerton Requiringe me the said Clarencieulx kinge of Armes to make serche in the auncient registers and recordes of myne office which remayneth in my handes by order left vnto me in succession from other ancyent herauldꝑ and kinge of armes And to signifie and declare vnto him trewly the auncient armes of the same howse and family of Cuertons heretofore vsed and borne by the auncesters of the said Johñ Cuerton, Whervpon I the said Clarencieulx kinge of Armes knowinge his request to be so Just and lawfull I could not without his great iniurie deminishe or hinder the same But accordinglye have serched my auncyent registers and recordes and have not only fownde the owld and ancient armes and crest belonginge to the same howse and famylie wherof he is desended which armes & crest more playnly appereth depicted in this margent, But also for the further declaration of the trewe lyneall dissent of the said Johñ Cuerton, I haue herevnto annexed the Pedigre and dissent of his ancestors, which manifestly declareth him to be nobly descended of iij descentꝑ of father and mothers syde from his great grandfather. Which armes and Pedegre I the said Clarencieulx kinge of armes as aforesaid by power and authorite to myne office annexed and graūted by the Queenes Ma^{ties} lres patentꝑ vnder the great seale of England do affirme the said Armes and Petigre to be his trew and lawfull armes and descent, and by these presentꝑ affirmeth that it is, And shalbe for the said Johñ Cuerton esquire and his posteritie, To vse beare and show for evermore in shild cote Armour or otherwyse at his libertie and pleasure without Impediment let or Interruption of any person or persons, In witnes whe[r] of I the said Clarencieulx &c.

Note by the Late W. H. Rylands:

There is nothing in the above document to show that John Cuerton was descended from a Cheshire family; and it would appear that the pedigree, unfortunately not given, declared "him to be nobly descended of iij descentes of father and mothers syde from his great grand father." Also, that "the auncient armes of the same howse and family of Cuertons heretofore vsed and borne by the auncesters of the said John Cuerton," was on record, and the pedigree proved his right to them.

There is no blazon of the Arms, no trick in the margin, and no date to the Patent, the closing sentence being imperfectly copied. William Harvey was Clarenceux King of Arms from the 21st of November, 1557, until his death, which took place on the 27th of February, 1567-8.

It may be worth noting that the pedigree of Kewrden of Kewrden is entered in Flower's Visitation of Lancashire made in 1567 (Chetham Soc., vol. 81, p. 69), and that there are three generations, earlier than the then representative of the family, John Kewrden of Kewrden, "now lyvinge 1567." His arms are not recorded. This John Keurden married Elizabeth Farrington, and at the time of the visitation had two children, Thomas, son and heir, and Mary.

There is no Pedigree in St. George's Visitation made in 1613. In Dugdale's Visitation of 1664-5 (Chetham Soc., vol. 85, p. 167) there is a pedigree of Kuerden of Preston, with the Arms, *Per bend sinister, Or and Azure, a griffin segreant counterchanged*, and the crest *a stag's head coupé, quarterly Or and Azure*.

These Arms, with an *engrailed bordure gobonnee Sable and Argent*, will be found impaled by More at the head of the Patent to John More, dated January, 1581 (MS. Ashm. 834, I, fo. 50).

None of the Records are now to be found at the Record Office or at Chester. If the John Cuerton of the patent was of the family of Keurden of Kuerden, the Royal Commission must have taken place before the Visitation.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GIFT OF A CREST TO ROBERT DAVID
FROM NORTH WALES, BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY,
DATED 20TH APRIL, 1581.

[MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 6b.]

To all and singuler aswell nobles and gentles as others to whom these p̄ntes shall come be seene heard read or vnd^rstoode Wiłm Flower Esquire aliās Norroy Kinge of Armes, and principall herald of the East west and north partes of this realme of England from the ryver of Trent Northwarde Sendeth greetinge in our Lord god everlastinge. Wheras Robert David sonne of John David the sonne of Davyd Griffith of Northwales is well borne and descended of worthie progenitors that haue of longe tyme vsed and borne Armes and tokens of their race and gentry, which lykewyse to him by iust descent and prerogatiue of birth ar duly deryued He yet not knowenge of any Creast or Cognoysance properly belonginge vnto his ancyent Armes (as vnto very meny ancyent cotes of Armes ther be none) hath requyred me the said Norroy kinge of Armes to assigne vnto his said ancyent Armes a Creast or Cognoysance meete and lawfull to be borne without preiudice or offence to any other person. In consyderation wherof for a further declaration of the worthinesse of the sayd Robert David and at his instant request I the said Norroy kinge of Armes by power and authoritie to me cōmitted by tres patentes vnd^r the greate seale of England, haue assigned gyven and graunted vnto the said Robert David to his ancyent Armes for his Creast or Cognoysance *upon the healm on a torce argent and gueules, a Lyons hedde razed, quarterly argent and sable langued gueules, with mantelles gueules doubled argent*: as more playnley together with the said ancyent Armes* appeereth depicted in the margine hereof. Which Armes and Creast and every part and parcell therof I the said Norroy kinge of Armes do by these p̄ntes ratine confirme gyve and graunt vnto the said Robert David, and vnto all the ofspringe and posteritie of the beforenamed David Griffith his grandfather, for ever. He and they the same to have, hold, vse, beare, enioy and shew foorth att all tymes and for ever hereafter at his and their libertie and pleasure, without the impediment lett or interruption of any person or persons. In witnesse wherof I the said Norroy kinge of Armes haue heervnto subscribed my name and sette to the seale of myne office the xxth day of Aprill In the yere of our Lord god 1581, and in the xxiiijth yere of the reigne of our most gracious soueraigne Lady queene Elizabeth.

* The arms depicted are *Gules, on a bend argent a lion passant sable*.—[Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM
DAVIDSON (FROM THE NORTH), GENTLEMAN, BY WILLIAM
FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 12TH JULY, 1586.

[MS. Ashm. 834, I, fo. 61; original in Latin.]

To all and singular as well Kings at Arms or Heralds, as Nobles and others who shall see read or hear this writing, William Flower Esquire otherwise called Norroy King of Arms and chief Herald of the Northern parts of the realm of England beyond the bank[s] of the river Trent, wishes Greeting eternal in the Lord. Seeing that for many ages now past the deeds of famous men have ever been wont to receive commendation by tokens most manifest and by memorials of their virtues, so that the soul of man might thereby be moved to follow after virtue and renown: while those who have deserved well from Prince and country, at home or abroad, in peace or war, not in this life only receive worthy honour, but also, being by fate deceased, are able to hand on and derive for their posterity also the same glory which they attained by deeds nobly done: I the aforementioned Norroy King of Arms, as I am styled, out of love for the dutifulness and virtue for which the gentleman William Daidson son of John who was son of Richard Daidson, [and] sprung from the north of England, has been known and commended to me (in wondrous wise):—am moved by a certain eagerness to exalt after [their] desert his name and his father's house. And, that henceforward it may be well known and understood by all how greatly I ascribe to his virtues, who in so often gracefully performing the office of an embassy to foreign peoples gave evidences so notable not only of learning but also of loyalty towards [his] country, and of rectitude towards all men, of learning and of ability, to his ancient arms or emblems of gentility bearing *a stag trippant or in a field gules* upon which until now there used to be set no helm adorned with head-piece or addition which they style a crest (which of old was wont properly and by right to belong only to nobles, men of knightly rank or warriors at the least) I have added for its greater and more abundant adornment, in further decoration of the helm as a Crest *a stag's head or midway between two eagles' wings displayed, upon a wreath twisted or and gules with the addition thereto of hangings or mantlings gules lined argent*. And these ancient Arms or charges on the shield, together with the topmost ornament or Crest set on a helm, and with all other hangings and ornaments as they are drawn and depicted life-like in the margin of [these] presents. I the aforementioned Norroy King of Arms, by virtue and authority of my function and office granted to me in this behalf by the Queen's Majesty, and by letters patent under the great seal of the commonalty of England, have to the aforementioned William Daidson and to all his posterity awarded given and for ever by [these] presents confirmed. To hold, use, bear and display on shield, buckler, helm, cloak, seal, banner, or in any other manner for the sake of dignity and in any place and time whatsoever at their will and choice, any impediment gainsaying or prohibition from so doing notwithstanding. In pledge and witness of all and singular whereof I Norroy King of Arms aforesaid to these presents have with my own hand subscribed,

and by affixing the seal of my office aforesaid have this my deed confirmed the twelfth day of July in the year after [our] Saviour Christ the one thousand five hundred and eighty-sixth, and of the most Serene Queen Elizabeth the eight and twentieth.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN DAVIES,
THE ELDER, OF MIDDLETON, BY SIR RICHARD ST. GEORGE,
CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH DEC., 1623.

[Queen's College, Oxford, MS. 139, Art. 138.]

To All and Singuler aswell Nobles and gentlemen as others to whome theis presents shall come, Sir Richard St. George Knight Clarencieux King of Armes, of the East West & South parts of this Realme, from the Riuer of Trent Southward sendeth greeting in our Lord God euerlasting; Knowe ye that forasmuch as it hath bin an ancient Custome, and to this day is Continued, in all Countreyes & Common Wealths wel gouerned that the Honourable Acts and vertuous Endeauors of worthy men, from time to time haue bin remembred and recommended to posterity, by certaine tokens and remembrances, of Honour called Armes, being the outward demonstrations of their inward vertues incyteing others, by their Examples, to the imitation of their like laudable workes and worthy Atchieuements, dureing this transitory life, which said tokens of honour are diuersly distributed according to the qualities, of the parties soe demeritting the same, to the end that such as haue done Commendable seruice to their Prince or Countreye either in warre or peace, may therefore bothe receaue due honour, and estimation in this life and also deriue the same successiue to their Posterity and Offspring for euermore, In which respects wheras John Davis the Elder of Middleton in the County of Salop Esquire, sonne of John Davies of Middleton Esquire, by Jane his wife daughter to John Roydon of Iscaes Esquire, sonne of David ap Thomas of Middleton Esquire by Katherin his wife daughter of John Hanmer of Lee gentleman, sonne of Thomas ap Richard of Middleton, by Isabell his wife daughter of David ap Owen ap David ap Madocke of Whittington, in the said Countie of Salop gentleman sonne, sonne of Richard ap John ap Sigmon Goch sonne of David ap Goch ap Jerworth ap Kenwrick ap Helem of Pentreheilin who bare for his Armes *Gules A Cheueron Engrailed betweene 3 boares heads Erased argent*, The sonne of Trahayrne ap Idon of Duddleston which Idon did beare *Argent, a Cheueron between 3 boares heads gules* and was Sonne of Rees Sayes ap Edmuet ap Llomarch gam, ap Luthoha ap Tudor Treuor Earle of Hereford, as by severall Authentique, deeds and pleadings Concerninge the said mannor of Middleton, produced and shewed to me, by the said John Davies, and most fully Registred in the visitation of the said County of Salop, made by Robert Treswell Sommerset Herauld, & Augustine Vincent Rougecroix, and now remaining among the records in the generall office of Armes more plainly appeareth: Hath requested me the said Clarencieux, to make search how his Auncestors did, and how he may beare his said Auncient Armes, without prejudice to any of the same surname, and Family, and the same to Exemplify Blazon testifie Confirme and allowe, I could not but

Condescend, to soe reasenable & lawfull request therin, And haueing made Search accordingly, doe find that he as his Auncestors formerly haue done may lawfully beare the same Coate of *gules, a Cheueron engrailed between 3 boares heads Erased argent*, Moreouer he not knoweing of any Creast or Cognizance, belonging to his said Armes, as to auncient Armes their are none, I haue duised and assigned vnto him for his Creast *on a hearme, a Boare Argent Armed & Brisled or with a garland about his neck vert standing vpon a Chapeau gules turned vp Ermin mantelled gules doubled argent*, as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent The which Armes and euery part and parcell therof, I the said Clarencieux King of armes by power and Authority to my office annexed and granted, by letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, haue by theis presents exemplified, ratefied, Confirmed and allowed & the said Crest, by theis presents, giuen and granted, vnto and for the said John Dauies the Elder, and his heires and to and for all the yssue and Posterity of the said John Dauies, for euer to vse, beare, and sett forth in Sheild Coate Armour or otherwise, with their due differences at his and their and euery of their, libertyes and pleasures, according to the auncient law of Armes, without impediment, let or interruption, of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witnes wherof I the said Clarencieux King of Armes, haue signed theis presents with my hand, and thervnto sett the seale of my office, the 24th day of December, in the 21th yeare of the Raigne of our soueraigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. And of Scotland the Seauen and Fiftyeth: Anno Domini 1623.

[This grant was published in the *Genealogist*, vol. xxxviii, New Series, p. 248. It is thought desirable to reprint it on account of the pedigree therein recorded.—ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND ALTERATION OF CREST OF JOHN
DAWSON OF SUTTERBY, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, ESQ.,
BARRISTER OF THE INNER TEMPLE, BY SIR EDWARD
WALKER, GARTER, DATED 12TH JAN., 1663-4.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 59.]

Wheras John Dawson of Sutherby in Com. Lincolne Esq. Barrister of y^e Inner Temple now resident of Bullin Court in y^e Kingdō of Ireland in y^e Countyes Tipperary and Limerick in y^e Prouince of Munster, hath desired me to Confirme vnto him the Armes Antiently borne by his ffamaly who haue for many descents liued in reputaçon and quality of Gentlemen at Sutterby aforesaid and y^e Armes & Crest borne by him now being attested vnder y^e hands of Robt: Cooke somtyme clareñ K: of Armes, could not but Readily and in justice grant his request and y^e rather seeing it is Euident by y^e Testimony of many psons of Gr^t Honour and integ^r y^t y^e said John Dawson in y^e begininge of y^e Late vnhappy deuisiōs actiuely applied him selfe to y^e seruice of his Late Mat^{tie} K. C. first of Euer Blessed and Glorius memory and therin Raised att his own Charge a Troope of Horse in y^e Regiment of Ralfe Eure vnder y^e Comānd of Wiłm Marquess of Newcastle which being broken he deserted not y^e seruice but continued in y^e

Quality of a Reformado vnder y^e L^d Bellassis vntill y^e Rendring of Newark he was diuers times taken prisoner and forced to Compound at 3 yeares value for his Estate and then a fiue and twentieth part was Extorted from him not withstāing w^{ch} he deserted not his Loyalty but followed still y^e fortune of his Matie y^t now happily Reignes in forraigne partes vntill necessity forced him home where he noe sooner arriued but was mad prisoner & threatned wth death but at lenth being released wth great seuerity he returned priuatly into Ireland and applyed him selfe to the practice of y^e lawe wherein he omitted no fitt occasiō to aduance his maties Interest and happy Restauracō. Knowe yee therefor &c. that i doe giue grant and ratifye and confirme vnto him y^e said John Dawson Esqe and to y^e Heires and descendants of his body for euer ye Coate of Armes Herafter mençoned being the same formerly attested to belonge to his famaly by Robt: Cooke Clarencieux K: of Armes, viz^t *Argent 2 pales Sable: a ^ and Canton Gules, and therein a Battle ax erected or*, and i doe farther by the Authoroty aforesaid alter his crest being *vpon a Castle Argent a daw pper* and doe giue and grant to him *an Armed Arme proper Holding a Batle ax or* as hereafter &c: this 12 day of January 166 $\frac{1}{4}$ in the 15th y. of C. 2^d.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO SIR JAMES DYER, KNT., LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COMMON PLEAS (1559), OF STAUGHTON, CO. HUNTS., BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, KNT. GARTER, AND ROBERT COOKE, ESQ., CLARENCEUX, DATED 20TH APRIL, 1575.

[MS. in possession of the Harleian Society.]

To all and Singular as well nobles and gentles as others to whom these presents shall come to be seen, read, heard or understood Sir Gilberte Dethick Knight also Garter Principall King of Arms and Robert Cooke Esq. also Clarenceux King of Arms of the South east and West parts of England Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Forasmuch as aunciently from the beginning the Valient and Virtuous Acts of worthy persons for service done as well in Ministration of Justice as in the field have been commended to the world with Sondry Monuments and Remembrances of their good deserts. Emongste the which the Chiefest and most usuall hath been Bearing of Signes in Shildes called Arms being none other things than Demonstracons of Prowes and Valoire diversely distributed according to the Qualities and deserts of the persons meretinge the same. To th' intent that such as by their virtues doe shewe furthe to the advancement of the Common Weale the shyne of their good life and conversacon in daily practis of things worthy and comendable being the very true and perfect tokens of a right noble disposition may therefore receyve due honour in their lives and also derive and continue the same successively to their posterity for ever. Emongst the which number Sir James Dyer of Stourton* in

* Staughton in Stowe MS. 676, and Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 83, where there is a trick of arms, viz.: *Sable, three goats passant argent attired or*, with a crest different to that in the above grant, viz.: *on a wreath or and sable the head of a goat couped argent, armed or, holding in its mouth a pansy proper stalked and leaved vert*, with this note: "This armes and creaste was confirmed to James Dyer of Stoughton in the countie of Huntington, K^t, by S^r Gilbert Dethick alias Garter principall Kinge of Armes, dated the [blank] of [blank]. A^o xvi of Q. Elizabethn."—[ED.]

the County of Hunts Knight, Lord Chiefe Justice of the Comon Pleas a yonger sonne of Richard Dyer of Wincaulton in the County of Somerset, being one of the Bearers of those tokens of honour as to him lineally descended from his auncesters of his Fathers of very certainly the true and perfect Crest or Cognizance belonging or appertaining upon the said auncyent Coat of Armes, hath required us the said Kings of Armes to assigne unto his said armes a Crest or Cognizance mete and lawful to be born w^{thout} prejudice or Offence to any other person. In consideration where of and for a further declaration of the Worthiness of the aforesaid Sir James Dyer Knight, We the said Kings of Armes by power and authoritie to us comitted by L^{res} Patents under the Greate Seale of England have Assigned given and granted unto the sayd Sir James Dyer Knight for his Crest or Cognizance *Upon the Healme Out of a crown Gold Fawelcon rousant silver mantled gules doulled Silver* The which Armes Crest or cognizance and evrie parte or P^{cell} thereof as they stand depicted in the Margent and remayne in record in y^r office of Armes, We the said Kings of Armes doe by these presents ratifie confirme give and graunte unto the said Sir James Dyer Knight and to his nephew and heire apparent Laurence Dyer of Wincaulton of aforesaid Esq. sonne and heire of John Dyer of the same towne Gent. sonne and heire of the sayd Richard Dyer unto their heires and posterity for ever. And they the same Armes Creast or Cognizance to have holde use beare enjoy and sett forthe according to the Lawe of Armes at all tymes and forever hereafter at their libertie and pleasure W^{thout} the impediment Lett or Interruption of any persons In Witness whereof we the said Garter and Clarenceux Kings of Armes have signed these p^{sents} wth our hands and sett thereunto our several seales of Office this XXth day of April Ano Dni 1575 and in the [xviith] yeare of the reigne of Our Sovereigne Lady Eliz. &c.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO ROBERT DYNNE OF HEYDON IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK, GENTLEMAN, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 28TH JUNE, 1577. [Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 192.]

To all and singuler as well nobles & Gentills as others to whom these presents shall come Robert Cooke Esq. als Clarenceux principall Herchault & King of Armes of the South East & Weast parts of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southward sendith greeting in our Lord God Everlasting. And being required of Robert Dynne of Heydon in the County of Norfk gentilman, the son of Henry Dynne w^{ch} Henry Dynne was second sonne of Robert Dynne brother & heyre of John Dynne w^{ch} Robert was y^e son of John Dynne who married Jone da: & heire of John Ailewarte to make search in the Registers & Records of my Office for the Auncient armes & Creast belonging to that name & ffamily wherof hee is descended soe that finding the true & perfect descent I could not wth out his great prejudice assign vnto him any other Armes then those w^{ch} lineally are vnto him descendid from his Auncesto^{rs} That is to say *Quarterly in y^e first for Dynne, Sable a winge in pale siluer betweene four crosses*

battune Gould, in the second for Ailward per Pale Sable & siluer two flower de Lis counterchanged, And for that I find noe Crest belonging to the same as comonly to all auncient armes there belongeth none, I the said Clarencieux King of Armes by Power & Authoritie to my office annexed and graunted by Letters Pattents vnder the great Seale of England, haue assigned giuen & graunted to thos his said auncient Armes the Crest hereafter following vizt: vpon the heaulme out of a crowne a winge Siluer manteled Gules doubled Siluer as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent the which Armes and Crest and euery part and Parcell thereof I the said Clarencieux King of Armes doe ratify and Confirme vnto and for the said Robert Dynne Gentilman and to his posterity wth their due differences to vse beare and shew in shield Coate armour or otherwise at his & their liberty and pleasure without impedymēt lett or interrupcion of any person or psons. In wittness wherof I the said Clarencieux King of Armes haue signed these presents wth my hand & sett hereunto y^e Seale of my office the xxviii day of June A^o Dm: 1577 & in y^e xixth yeare of y^e raigne of o^r Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth. Robt Cooke Alias Clarencieux King of Armes.*

GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN DYOTT OF STYCHBROKE, CO. STAFFS.,
BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 20TH FEB.,
(1559-60). [MS. Ashm. 858, No. 85.]

To all and singular aswell Nobles & Gentlemen as others to whome theis prsente shall come to be seene heard read or vnderstanden I Sr Gilbert Dethick Knight als Garter principall King of Armes send greeting in or Lord God eu^o-lasting, That forasmuch as aunciently from ye begining the valiant & vertuose acte of worthy psons, haue been comended to the world & posterity wth sundry Monem^{te} & remembrances of their good deserte, Emongst the wch the cheifest & most vsuall hath been the bearing of Signes in shields called Armes being demonstracons & tokens of prowes & Valoie diu^slie distributed according to the qualities & deserte of the psons meriting the same to the intent that such as by their vertues doe adde & shew furthe to the advancem^t of the Comon wealth the shine of their good lyfe & conu^ssacon in daily practise of things worthy & comendable being the very true & pfect tokens of a right noble disposicon may therefore receive due honour in their lives & also derive & continue the same successively to their posterity for eu^o Emongst the which number John Dyott of Stychbroke in the County of Stafford gentleman being one of the bearers of these tokens & auncient Coate of Armes, & yet not knowing for certaine of any Crest or Cognizance therevnto belonging, nor in what manner & forme he ought to beare the same Hath instantly required me the said Garter principall King of Armes, to assigne & set furth vnto him & his Posterity their said auncient Coate of Armes wth a wreath or Cognizance therevnto annexed, so as he & they may lawfully beare the same with out pⁱudice or offence to any other

* A trick of the arms is in Harl. MS. 5887, fo. 73b. The same blazoning is in Add. MS. 14295, fo. 81, with this note, possibly in the writing of Sir Richard St. George or Sir Henry St. George: "The graunt of this Crest I transcribed from the patent." [Ed.]

person, In consideracon whereof & for further declaracon of the worthynes of the said John Dyott, & at his instant request I the said Garter principall King of Armes by power and authority of my office to me comitted by Letters Patentes vnder the greate seale of England Have assigned confirmed & set furth vnto him & his Posterity a Crest or Cognizance annexed to their said auncient Coate of Armes meet and lawfull to be borne in manner & forme herein specified & declared That is to say, *The Filde Or, a Tygre passant sable armed and langued gules* and to their Crest *vpon a Healm On a Torce Or & Sable a Tygre Passant argent with Coller & Chayne armed & langued Gules, mantled gules doubled argent* as more plainly appeth depicted in this Margent To haue & to hold the said Armes wth Healm Mantles Torce & Crest & every pte & pcell thereof to the said John Dyott & to his posterity for eu⁹ and he and they the same to possess vse beare & shew furthe in shield Coate Armour or otherwise at his & their owne libertie & pleasure without the impediment lett claime challenge what-soeu⁹ or interrupcon of any other pson or psons In wittnes whereof I the said Garter principall King of Armes haue subscribed these prsent^e with my owne hand and herevnto haue set my Seale of Office together with the Seale of my Armes Dated the 20th day of February in the yeare & raigne of our sou^{raigne} Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France & Ireland Queene Defender of the faith &c: the second (1559–60).

(*The above all in Ashmole's hand.*)

p me G. Dethicke als garter principall Kinge of Armes.

GRANT OF ARMS TO MRS. ANNE ELDRED, RELICT OF SIR REVETT ELDRED, OF GREAT SAXHAM, CO. SUFFOLK, BY EDWARD BYSSHE, GARTER, DATED 6TH DEC., 1652.

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 18.]

To all and singular unto whome these presents shall come Edward Bysshe Esquire Garter Principall Kinge of Armes of Englishmen sendeth greetinge. Whereas Mrs Anne Eldred the relict of Sir Revett Eldred late of Great Saxham in the County of Suffolke Esqre. and one of the daughters of Mr. John Blaikway of Isombridge in the County of Salop hath desired me to assign unto her such Armes as she and her posteritie may lawfullie beare. Knowe yee therefoare that I have thought fit to assigne unto her the Armes hereunder menconed vizt: *Gules on a chevron between three Leopards heads Argent as many Quatrefoyles of the first* as they are depicted in the margint* which Armes I the said Edward Bysshe Garter Principall Kinge of Armes of Englishmen by authoritie granted unto me by the letters patents of my said office made unto mee under the great Seale of Englande Doe by these presents assign give and grant unto the said Mrs Anne Eldred and her posteritie lawfullie begotten to be by her and them borne with their due differences accordinge to the lawes of Armes for ever. In wittnesse whereof I have unto these presentes affixed the Seale of mine Office and subscribed my name. Dated at the office of Armes the sixth day of December in the yeare of our Lord One thousand six hundred fiftie tow.

E. Bysshe Garter Principale
Kinge of Armes of Englishmen.

* Trick of arms in margin.—[ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO THOMAS ELLIS OF DONCASTER, CO.
YORK, GENTLEMAN, BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY, DATED
5TH FEB., 1548-9 (1st Feb., 3 Edw. VI, in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 59).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, No. 21.]

To all Nobles and gentles. Theis present lettres reading heareing or seeing. Gilbert Dethick alias Norrey principall King of Armes From the riuier of Trent Northward of the North partes of of [*sic*] the Realme of England sendeth due and humble commendations and greeting. Equitie willeth and reason ordeineth that men vertuous and of Noble Courage, be by their meritts and good renowne rewarded not only their persons in this mortall life soe breife and transitory, but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended to be in all places of honour with other Nobles and gentles, accepted and taken by certaine Ensignes, and Demonstrances of honnour and Noblenes, That is to saie Blazon healme and Timbre, To the end that by their Ensamples, others may the more enforce themselues to haue perseverance to vse their Dayes in Feates of Armes and workes vertuous, to gett the renowne of ancient Nobles in their Loines and posterities. And Forasmuch as Thomas Ellis of Dancaster in the County of Yorke gentleman is descended of an ancient house of longe time beareing Armes, Neuerthelesse he vncertaine vnder what sorte his Ancestors beare their said Armes hath desired me the said Norrey King of Armes to sett forthe his said Armes due and lawfull to be borne. And therfore I the said Norrey seing his request soe iust and reasonable by y^e autoritie and power annexed attributed giuen and granted by the Kinge, our Soueraigne Lords highnes, to me and to my Office of Norrey, King of Armes by expresse words, vnder his most Noble great Seale, haue ordeined assigned and sett Forthe his said Armes in manner as hereafter followeth. That is to say. *Gold on a plaine crosse sable five Cressants silues* [*sic*]: As more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent.* To haue and to hold to the said Thomas Ellis gentleman for him and his posteritie, And they it to vse and enioye to their Worshippes for euermore. In witnes wherof I the said Norrey King of Armes haue signed theis presents with mine owne hand, and sett thervnto the Seale of my Armes, with the Seale of my Office of Norrey principall King of Armes. Giuen and granted at London the Fift day of February in the third yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lord Edward the vjth, by y^e grace of god King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and also of Ireland on earth the Supreame head.

* Coloured coat of arms, no crest or mantles, etc.—[ED.]



CONFIRMATION OF ARMS WITH DIFFERENCE AND CREST TO
THOMAS AND JOHN ELYOTT BY JOHN WRITHE, GARTER,
DATED 7TH JULY, 1492.

[MS. Queen's Coll. 139, No. 13.]

To all present and to come which theis Lettres shall see or heare John Writhe otherwise called Garter K: of Armes of Englishmen sendeth health with all humble Commendations Equitie willeth and reason ordaineth that men of valiant and vertuous [lives] be had in a perpetuall memory. And where that Noblenes is once in a blood it may not be lost without to long Continuance in sloath and vices: Also as Gaius Alamminius saith That honest pouerty taketh away noe part of Noblenes, And the Doctor Bartholomew in his treatise of tokens of Armes saith, If the Armes be once ours they may in noe wise be taken away from vs. It is soe, that for diuers debaites that often armes fall between Kinsemen of longe time passed, by estimacion between two brethren in Wales called the Eliots, the iunior voided Wales, and went into Deuon: in England, of whome is come soe greate number of yssue, that the[y] passe the six ordinary differences in Armes. And also recouered both in vertue and behaiour, worthy to beare their auncient, the [sic] auncient tokens and marke of Noblenes and also, not willing to be preiudiciall to this primer house in Walles, but to haue of me thaforesaid King of Armes, and by the authority of mine office annexed, such difference as shall not be to the Cheife house preiudiciall: Whervpon Thomas Elyott and John Elyot his brother haue required mee to shew them what difference Richard Elyott their immediate Father and his Issue with their due difference might beare, without preiudice to any before of his blood, To whome I thaforesaid King of Armes, by the Authoritie of mine Office haue assigned the Armes of their house which Ass: [sic] thaforesaid Thomas and John with witnes of their Cozen M^r William Elyott one of the Masters of the Kings Chancellerie shew me the Coppie, (That is to say) *Quarterly the First quarter Siluer a fece gules betweene 2 gemeles verde azure, The second Siluer a Cheueron gules betweene three Castles Sables And to his timbre vpon his healme, an Elephants head in his proper Colours sett on a wreath of azure and gules mantelled gules doubled azure with the difference of bordure vert and siluer gobonnee vpon euery vert gobon a Bezant:* like as in the margent* of the presence [sic] doth appeare, and shew to haue, with the due differences accustomed to the yssue of thaforesaid Richard Elyott for euermore. In witnes wherof I thaforesaid Garter King of Armes, haue signed with my hand, and sealed with the seale of my Armes, theis presente letters; Made and giuen at London, the day of the translation of S^t Thomas the Martir of Canterbury the yeare of our Lord 1492. And the yeare of the raigne of R. [sic] the 7th our most redoubted soueraigne and leige Lord the seauenth.

* Coloured coat of arms in margin.—[Ed.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ALLEN EPES OF THE
ISLE OF THANET, CO. KENT, BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER.
(No date, but between 1603 and 1633.)

[MS. Rawl. B. 87, fo. 18.]

The Armes and Creast of the Auntient Family of Epes, of the county of Kent where they haue inhabited for many generations: From whome is discended as cheife heire Male of the sayd house Mr Allen Epes, now liuinge in the Isle of Thanet in the sayd county. At whose request I haue exemplified, ratified, and confirmed theis Armes and Creast to him, his posteritie, and family, with their due differences foreuer. By power and authoritie of myne Office of principall King of Armes of England, to me comitted by lettres patentes vnder his Ma^{tes} Seale great of England.

Willm Segar, Garter
principall King of Armes.

[This is an original document, on parchment, and signed. It is stitched into the MS. The arms, which are beautifully drawn and coloured, are *Per fess gules and or, a pale counterchanged, three eagles displayed, two and one, of the field*. Crest: *On a chaplet vert, flowered or, a falcon rising of the last*. Motto: *Pennis evolo propriis*.]

AUGMENTATION TO THE ARMS OF EVERARD EVARDES BY SIR
GILBERT DETHICK, PRINCIPAL HERALD, DATED 10TH MARCH
(1 QUEEN MARY, 1553-4).

[Harl. MS. 1116, fo. 45. In Latin.]

To all the faithful in Christ who shall see or hear these present letters Gilbert Dethike knight principal Herald and King of Arms of the most noble Order of the Garter greeting. Equity wills and reason demands that men virtuous and of laudable disposition and of honorable life be honoured and rewarded for their merits not only in their own persons while they enjoy this frail and transitory life, but also that all those procreated from their bodies be in every place of honour shown to be above others to be honoured and rewarded by signs and examples of virtue honour and also of humanity, to the intent that by their examples others may the more endeavour to spend their life in most valiant deeds of arms and famous works whereby both they and their posterity may attain a notable fame. And therefore I the aforesaid King of Arms not only by public fame but also by my own testimony and that of other trustworthy nobles am truly advised and informed that Everard Evardes [Everdes in Harl MS. 1359, fo. 62^b], has sprung from a noble and ancient family bearing arms or ensigns and that he has borne himself so well and prudently in all his acts that he well deserves and is worthy to be in all places of honour admitted numbered and received in the number and company of other ancient and illustrious men. Wherefore by reason of the memory of his so great virtue and humanity, and chiefly by reason of his faithful and continued service of the late most mighty and famous Kings Henry the eighth and Edward the sixth and also of the present most serene and illustrious prince [sic] Mary by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland etc. I have made this addition

to his arms as here declared in French, to wit, *En chef dazur la teste dung levorer* dargent coupe autour son col ung collier Gould purple besante entre deux fleur de lys dor* as more fully appears in the shield here depicted.† To have and enjoy to himself and his posterity for ever. In witness whereof I have affixed to these presents my seal of arms together with the seal of my office of King of arms and have subscribed them with my own hand. Given at London the 10th day of the month of March in the [blank] year of the reign of Queen Mary by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith.

by Garter Dethyke
King of Arms.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ISAAC EWER, ESQ., OF THE COUNTY
OF ESSEX, COLONEL OF A REGIMENT OF FOOT, BY EDWARD
BYSSHE, GARTER, DATED 22ND FEB., 1647-8.

[Add. MS. 26758, fo. 14.]

To all and singular unto whome these presents shall come I Edw^d Bysshe Esq^r Garter principall King of Armes of Englishmen send Greeting Whereas antiently it hath beene a custome and to this day continued that all Estates and Degrees of men have beene and are distinguished each from other by sundry markes or signes called Armes being no otherwise then outward demonstrations and remembrances of the inward worth of the bearers atcheived either by their Valo^r in the ffeild in time of Warre or by their virtuous endeavours in the Commonwealth in the time of Peace, And forasmuch as Isaac Ewer of the County of Essex Esq^r Collonell of a Regiment of Foot under the Command of his Excellency S^r Thomas Fairfax Generall, hath desired me to assign unto him such Armes as hee and his Posterity may lawfully bear. Know ye therefore that having seriously considered the Premisses, as also the worth of the said Collonell Isaac Ewer, I doe think fit to assigne unto him the Armes hereunder mentioned vizt *Or a Tyger passant Sabele, on a Chefe gules a Sword in Pale proper hilts and pomell of the first betweene two right hand Gantlets Argent, and for the Crest on a Healme out of a Crowne Muriall argent a Sword erected hilt and Pomell or, through a Tyger's head Sable de goutte de Sang, mantled gules doubled argent* as in the margent more lively is depicted, which Armes and Crest I the said Edward Bishe Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen by the Authority annexed unto the office of Garter by the Statutes of the most noble Order of the Garter, continued practice and the Letters Patents of my said Office made unto me under the great Seal of England, do by these presents assigne, give & grant unto the said Collonell Isaac Ewer and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten to be by them and every of them borne with their due differences according to the Law of Armes for ever. In Witness whereof I have unto these presents affixed the Scale of myne Office and Subscribed my name dated the two and twentieth day of February in the xxiii year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles of England &c. 1647.

E. Byshe Garter Principal
King of Armes of Englishmen.

* Levorer (levrier) is a greyhound. In Harl MS. 1359, which bears the autograph of John Withie, there is, at fo. 62b, a trick showing the head of a stag couped and attired instead of a greyhound.—[ED.]

† A shield outlined in margin, but no trick.—[ED.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN
FARR, ESQ., OF HEPWORTH IN THE ISLE OF AXHOLME, CO.
LINCOLN, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 5TH
JULY, 1582. [MS. Queen's Coll. 138, No. 78.]

To all and Singuler to whome theis presentes shall come: Sir Gilbert Dethike: Knight alias Garter Principall King of Armes, and cheife officer of Armes, for the most Noble order of the Garter, sendeth salutations For asmuch as the short Course of y^e life of man, is subiect to sundry changes [and] Chances with obliuion and forgetfullnes For the encountring wherof Certaine remembrances haue bin invented, ordeined and appointed, to all intents respects and purposes, As well for such as haue excelled in worthy seruices, Administracion of Justice, or in benefits to their Prince or Country, or Common wealth, in times of Peace, As alsoe for those who in long and Honourable Warrs, either abroad in forreine Lands with glory and renowne, or at home in their Princes and Countries Cause haue merited and deserued y^e same: Wherof the most auncient token of remembrance is the vse and Custome of beareing Armes vpon their sheilds, Targetts, Eschucheons, Pavasses, Ensignes, Cotes of Armes or such like the euident demonstrations, of the dignity, deserts fame honour Progenie vertue, valeantize and magnanimity of worthy men: Wherby dureing y^e time of their transitory life and after from age to age, the memory of them and their vertuous acts haue bin commended from one generation to another by whose examples others are cited and caused to imploy all their time labour expences and trauailes in vertuous excercises: And for as much as wee Officers of Armes by authority and Consent, of all Princes in all Provinces, are reputed to be remembrancers, of honour, Nobillitie, and vertu in Gentlemen I the said Garter Principall King of Armes of England etc. being herevnto required, haue made search in the Registers, and records of my Office As also by proofe of certaine monuments shewed vnto vs, and by the testimony of many worshipfull, credibly informed: That John Farr of Hepworth in the Ysle of Axholme, within the County of Linc: and now one of the receiuers for the Queenes Matie within the said [blank in MS.] sonne of John Farr of Hepworth and of Alice daughter of [blank in MS.] Ashton gent. sonne and heire of John Farr of Hepworth, descended of Auncient Parentage in the County aforesaid who haueing many waies well deserued, and from his Parents Progenie and Kindred, being a gentleman of name to whome this sheild to whome, this sheild [sic MS.] of Armes doth appertaine: yet considering that the present knowledge with the future remembrance therof and that all things are subiect to time haue thought good to exemplifie the same blazoned according to the Registers and records of my office in manner and forme followeing: viz. *Ilz on escu de gules, vng croix, au fere de Molin* d'argent, vng band d'azure*: And furthermore because the same cote of Armes or sheild hath had noe Creast or Cognizance, for th'atcheuement heretofore vsed appropriate, or belonging: We haue granted giuen assigned and exemplified and by theis present[s] doe grant giue assigne and exemplifie, Vnto thafore-

* Guy de Ferre (*temp.* Edward I) bore *a fer de moline*.—[ED.]

said John Farr of Hepworth in the County aforesaid gent, and to his posterity of his body lawfully descended, *An Ostrige in proper Coulour with Fethers, argent and sables holding in his beke, a horshooe, and a wreth about his neck of white and blew, standing vpon a mount within a wrethe of his Coullers, scituated vpon a helmet of Steele with Mantells Argent and gules*, as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent*: To haue and to hould vnto the said John Farr Esq^r and to his posterity of his body lawfully descending, to vse and beare in sheilds, Pavesses, Targetts, and Cotes of Armes, Swords weapons, Tents, Guydons, Pennons, and Ensignes in time of Warr or Peace, or in y^e affaires therof, for seruices of their Prince and Country, As alsoe to haue and vse the same in their seales, rings Liuries, badges Cognizances Edefices buildings, vtensills windowes, glasse, Paintings, Graueing, Carueing, Tombes, Sepultures Funerall monuments, and such like what soeuer, And finally that they or any of y^{em} in all Comely manner and vertuous excercises of Justs Turney at Lysts Barryers Combates Challenges, or at Tryumphs, feates of Armes, and Warlike excercises, maye enter and excercise themselues, therby to Aduance their name, honour and renowne, by all dutifull meanes, Wherefore to thend that the certainty hereof, and the remembrance therof may endure. We doe most loueingly recommend all vertuous gentlemen to your perpetuall loue and dilection, praying you to permit and further their attempts herein, and to suffer them to vse and enioy, the preheminenes priuiledges and libertyes of Gentlemen without any let hindrance or molestacion. In witnes wherof we haue Caused theis lettres Patents, to be made, haue subscribed, and sett herevnto our hand and seale: Giuen at y^e Office of Armes, neere the Cathederall Church of St Paul London the 5th day of July: Anno 1582. And 24 yeare of the raigne of our most happie and sacred Souerainge: Elizabeth by the grace of God, Queene of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith etc.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO MOORE FAUNTLEROY, GENTLEMAN, OF CRUNDALL, CO. SOUTHAMPTON, BY SIR JOHN BURROUGHS, GARTER, DATED 8TH DEC., 1633.

[Harl. MS. 1470, fo. 102.]

To all and singuler as well to whom theis p^rsents shall com. S^r John Burroughs Knight Garter principall King of Armes of English men sendeth Greting Know yee that Moore Fauntleroy gent. (sonne of John Fauntleroy gent. the onely sonne of William Fauntleroy of Crundall in the County of Southampton gentleman) who bare for his Coate Armour *Gules thre (three) Infants heads coupéd Argent crined Or*, which Armes they & their Auncestors haue borne tyme out of minde, And now being desired by the said Moore Fauntleroy gent. to imblazon and sett forth his said Coate of Armes with the Creast therevnto belonging that is to say *on a wreath of his Coullers a flower de liz Or betwene two Angells wings displayed azure Mantled gules doubled Argent* as are more plainely depicted in the Margent hereof. The which Armes and Creast before ex-

* Coloured coat of arms.—[Ed.]

pressed I the said Sr John Borough knight Garter principall King of Armes of English men, by the authoritie annexed vnto the Office of Garter, by the statutes of the most noble order of the Garter, continued practice, and the Letters Pattents of my said office, made vnto mee vnder the Greate Seale of England, doe by theise presents declare, assigne confirme & grant vnto the aforesaide Moore Fauntleroy and to his issue & posterity to be by them and euery of them borne with their due differences according to the Lawe of Armes for euer. In witnes wherof I haue vnto theise presents affixed the Seale of myne Office and subscribed my name. Dated the eight day of December in the yeare of our Lord God 1633.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN FENNOR OF THE MANOR
OF BENEWECKS, CO. SUSSEX, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS
HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 10TH NOV., ANNO 3^o ET 4^o
PHILIPPI MARIE (1557).

[MS. Queen's Coll: 139, No. 69.]

To all Nobles and gentiles theis presents lettres hearing or seing Thomas Hawley alias Clarencieux Principall Herauld and King of Armes of the South East and West partes of this Realme of England From the riuer of Trent Southward sendeth due and humble Commendacions and greeting. Equitie willeth and reason ordaineth that men vertuous and of Noble Courage be by their meritts and good renowne rewarded, not only their persons in this mortall life so breife and transitory but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended, to be in all places of honour and other nobles and gentills Accepted and taken by certaine Ensignes and demonstrances of honour and Noblesse, that is to say blason hearme and timbre To the end that others by their examples may the more enforce themselves to vse their dayes in Feates of Armes, and workes vertuous, to gett the renowne of auncient Noblesse in their lynes and Posterityes: And therfore I Clarencieux not only by the Common renowne, but also by the report and witnes of diuers worthy to be taken of word and Credence, am advertized and informed that John Fennor of the mannor of Benewecks in the County of Sussex gentleman is descended of a house vndefamed, and hath of long time beareing Armes, and hath of long time vsed himselfe soe worthily and discreetly soe that he hath well deserued to be in all places of honnour admitted nombred and taken in the number and Companie of other Nobles and gentils. And for the remembrance of the same, by the authority and power annexed attributed geuen and granted to me and to my Office of Clarencieux King of Armes, by expresse words vnder the great Seale of England, haue deuised ordained giuen and granted to the said John Fennor gentleman, and to his posterity, the Armes and Crest in manner as hereafter followeth: That is to say: *Siluer a Cheueron engrailed gules between 3 wolues marine passant Sable, finned ventred and dented siluer, langued and eyed gules, vpon the hearme on a torse siluer and sable a demi hound tawney purfled gold, about his neck vpon a Coller siluer a trace turreted gules mantelled gules doubled siluer,* As more plainly appeareth, depicted in the margent,* To haue and hould to the said John Fennor

* Coloured coat of arms.—[ED.]

gentleman and to his Posterity, and they it to vse and enioy for euermore. In witnes wherof I the said Clarencieux haue signed theis presents with my hand, and sett thervnto the seale of my Armes, with the seale of my office of Clarencieux King of Armes. Giuen and granted at London, the tenth day (day) of Nouember, in the third and 4th years of the raignes of our Soueraignes Phillip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England Spayne France both Sicills Jerusalem and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith Archdukes of Austria Dukes of Burgoine Myllaine and Brabant Counties of Haspurge, Flanders and Tirolle.

GRANT AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN FISHER OF FOREMARK IN THE PARISH OF REPTON, CO. DERBY, BY JOHN ANSTIS, SENIOR AND JUNIOR, ESQRS., GARTER, AND MARTIN LEAKE, NORROY, DATED 15TH SEP., 1730. [MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Singular to whom these Presents shall come John Anstis Senior and Junior Esq^{rs}, Garter principal King of Arms and Stephen Martin Leake Esqre, Norroy King of Arms, send Greeting. Whereas these Antient Badges or Ensigns of Gentility commonly called or known by the Name of Arms have heretofore been and are still continued to be conferred upon deserving persons to distinguish them from the common sort of People, who neither can, nor may pretend to use them without lawful Authority. And Whereas John Fisher of Foremark, within the Parish of Repton in the County of Derby, hath represented unto the Right Honourable Talbot Yelverton, Earl of Sussex one of the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, Kn^t of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath and Deputy with the Royal Approbation to the most Noble Thomas Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and hereditary Marshall of England; That his Ancesters having always lived in the Credit and Reputation of Gentlemen, did bear for their Arms, *Argent a Fess wavy between three flowers de Lis Sable*, as appears by Plate now remaining in his Family above One hundred and Fifty years old, but during the late Usurpations his said family was plundered, whereby he is unable to produce such Authentick Testimonials for the proof of the same as the strict Laws of Arms require. And it not appearing that the aforesaid Arms belong to any other Family, hath therefore prayed his Lordships Warrant for our Granting and Exemplifying the same together with a proper Crest to be born by him and his Descendants of his Body according to the Laws of Arms, And Forasmuch as his Lordship duly considering the Premises and also the Qualifications of the said John Fisher did by Warrant under his hand and Seal bearing Date the tenth day of this Instant September Order and Direct Us to Grant and Exemplify the said Arms together with such Crest accordingly Now Know Ye that We the said Garter and Norroy in pursuance of the Consent of the said Earl of Sussex, and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our Offices to each of Us respectively granted under the Great Seal of

Great Britain, have Assigned, and do by these Presents, Give, Grant and Exemplify, unto the said John Fisher the same Arms above Expressed together with the Crest following, Vizt. *On a Wreath of the Colours a Kings Fisher Proper, holding in the dexter foot a like Flower de Lis*, as the same are in the Margin hereof more lively depicted. To be born and used for ever hereafter by him the said John Fisher and the heirs and other Descendents of his Body lawfully begotten, with their due and respective differences according to the Usage and Custome of Arms without the Lett or Interruption of Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Norroy King of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices the fifteenth day of September in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., Anno Domi 1730.

John Anstis Garter
Principal King of Arms.

Martin Leake Norroy
King of Arms.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN FLEETWOOD, CO. LANCASTER, GENTLEMAN, BY CHRISTOPHER BARKER, GARTER, DATED 6TH JAN., 1538.

[MS. Queen's Coll. 139, No. 26.]

To all present and to come theis present lettres seing or hearing. I Christopher Barker Esq. alias Garter Cheife and Principall King of Armes of Englishmen, sendeth due humble recommendations and greeting. Equitie willet and reason ordaineth that that [*sic*] men vertuous and of a laudable disposition and liueing be by their meritts, renowned and rewarded in their persons in this mortall life soe breife and transitory but also after them all those that from their bodies shall descend and procreate to be in all places of honnor and worshipp by shewing of signes and tokens of vertue and gentlenes, That is to wit of Armes helme and Crest, to the intent, that by their Ensamble others may the more enforce themselves to vse their time in honnourable workes and vertuous deeds, for to obtaine and gett the renowne of auncient Noblenes in their Lyne and Posterity. And therefore I the said Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen, which not only by Common renowne, but also by my owne knowledge, and report of other gentle and noble persons, am verily informed and aduertised that John Fleetwood of the County of Lancaster gentleman hath long Continued in vertue and in all his acts, and other his demeaning hath well and vertuously guyded and gouerned himselfe, soe that he hath deserued and is well worthy from hencforth he and his posterity, to be in all places of honnour and worth admitted renowned accompted Nombred accepted and receaued into the into ye [*sic*] Nomber and of the Companie of other auncient gentlemen of name and of Armes. And for the remembrance and Consideration of the same his vertue, gentlenes and abillitie, by authority and power vnto mine office of Principall King of Armes annexed and attributed, haue deuised ordained and assigned

vnto and for the said John Fleetwood, the Armes healme and Creast in manner and forme followeing (that is to say) *Siluer and Sable a rugged staffe between 6 martlets in pale Counterchanged of the feild, vpon his Crest a squerrill saltant gules vpon a rugged staffe party per fece gold and vert the leaues counterchanged, sett vpon a wreath siluer and Sable, the mantletts gules doubled siluer, Botoned gold as it appeareth in y^e margent.** To haue and to hould to the said John Fleetwood and to his posterity, with their due differences therin to be reuested to their honnour for euermore. In wites wherof I the said Garter Principall King of Armes in manner abouesaid haue signed theis Presents with mine owne hand, and sett therto the seale of my office, with the seale of my Armes. Giuen at London the 6th day of January, in the yeare of our Lord God 1538 and of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Henry the Eight by the grace of God King of England and of France Defender of the Faith Lord of Ireland, and in Earth vnder Christ supream head of the Church of England: the thirtyeth yeare: etc.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN FLEETWOOD OF THE COUNTY
OF LANCASTER, GENTLEMAN, BY GILBERT DETHICK,
NORROY, DATED 1st JULY, 1548.

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, No. 18.]

To all Nobles and gentles theis present lettres reading hearing or seeing Gilbert Dethicke alias Norrey principall King of armes of the North partes of this Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent Northward Sendeth greetinge Equitie willeth and reason ordeineth That men vertuous and of Noble Courage, be by their meritts and good renowne, rewarded not only in their persons in this mortall life soe breife and and [*sic*] Transitory, but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended to be in all places of honour with other Nobles and gentles accepted and taken by certaine ensignes, and demonstracions of honnour and Nobles (That is to say) blazon healme and Timbre. To the intent that by their ensample, others may the more enforce themselues to vse their time in feates Of armes and workes vertuous, To gett y^e renowne of ancient Nobles in their loynes and posterities. And thorfore I the said Norrey King of Armes as abouesaid not only by the common renowne, but also by mine owne knowledge, and by the report of diuers worthy to be taken of word and credence am advertised and enformed, that John Fleetwood of the County of Lancashire gentleman hath of long time, vsed himselfe soe vertuously and honestly and soe discreetly, soe that he hath well deserued from henceforth, he and his posteritie to be in all places of honnour accepted nombred and taken, by certaine ensignes and and [*sic*] Demonstrances of honnour and Noblenes in the nomber and companie of other Nobles and gentiles. And for the remembrance of the same, by vertue authority and power annexed, attributed giuen and granted, by the King our Soueraigne Lords highnes great Seale haue devised ordeined and assigned I say by the said vertue authority and power annexed

* Coloured Coat of arms.—[ED.]

attributed giuen and granted by the King our Soueraigne Lord his highnes great Seale to me and to my Office of Norrey King of armes by expresse words, I haue devised ordeined and assigned for the said John Fleetwood the armes and crest in manner and forme followeing: (That is to say) *gold and azure vnde par pale six merletts Counterchanged of the first vpon his hearme on a torse gold and azure a wolfe's head coppe sable open mouthed langued gules, about his neck two gemells gold manteled gules doubled Siluer:* as more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent* To haue and to hold to him and his posteritie, and they it to vse and enioye for euermore. In witnes wherof I the said Norrey King of Armes as abouesaid, haue signed theis presents with my hand and sett to the Seale of my armes and the seale of my Office of Norrey King of armes. Giuen and granted at London the First Day of July in the Second yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lord Edward the Sixt by the grace of god King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith, and of the Church of England and Ireland on earth the Supream head.

CERTIFICATE OF ARMS AND CREST OF ARCHIBALD FLETCHER
OF AUCHINDENNY HOUSE, CO. MIDLOTHIAN, ESQ., ADVOCATE,
BY LETTERS PATENT OF LORD LYON, KING OF ARMS,
DATED 22ND DEC., 1825.

[Contributed by Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A.]

At Edinburgh the nineteenth day of September One thousand eight hundred and forty years, In presence of James Tytler of Woodhouse-lee Esquire Clerk to Her Majesty's Signet, Lyon Depute, Compeared Doctor Cowper, Assistant Surgeon, Twenty ninth Regiment, Castle Edinburgh, desiring an Extract of the Matriculation underwritten which desire the said Lyon Depute found reasonable and ordained the same to be borne accordingly whereof the tenor follows

" Archibald Fletcher Esquire Advocate, residing at Auchindenny House in the
" County of Mid-Lothian, only surviving son of Angus Fletcher late of Pubill,
" which Angus was a younger brother german of Archibald Fletcher of Dunans
" in the County of Argyll, by Grace Mac Naughton who according to uniform
" tradition and belief in her native district of Glenlyon was held to have been
" descended from Dugald Mac Naughton commonly called 'Dugald the
" beautiful' a son of the Chief of his Name in Argyllshire which Archibald
" first named is descended through his mother's mother Grace Campbell from
" the Campbells of Glenlyon who are of notoriety cadets of the Campbells of
" Breadalbane and through these descended from the illustrious House of Argyll,
" the said Grace Campbell being a daughter of Peter who was son of Duncan
" Campbell of Duncaves, which Duncan was second son of Robert Campbell
" of Glenlyon. Bears, *Sable, on a Cross floree Argent between two Escallops in
" the dexter chief and sinister base points of the Last, and as many Quivers filled
" with Arrows in the sinister chief and dexter base points Or two Towers embattled
" Gules in pale, and two Dexter hands fessways proper in fess each holding a cross*

* Coloured coat of arms and crest.—[Ed.]

" *crosslet fitched Azure, the whole within a border quarterly, 1st Gyrony of eight of the third and first, 2nd Argent two Lymphads of the first with oars in action, 3rd Chequy of the second and fifth, 4th as the first, the charges upon the cross being in memorial of the bearer's descent through his Grandmother from the Campbells of Glenlyon. Above the Shield is placed a Helmet befitting his degree with a mantling Gules the Doubling Argent and on a Wreath Vert and Argent being the peculiar Liveries chosen by the Patentee is set for his Crest Two naked Arms issuing therefrom proper shooting an arrow out of a Bow Sable, and upon an Escrol below the Shield this Motto 'Optima rerum Libertas.'* These arms are destined to the said Archibald Fletcher Esquire, Advocate, and his Descendants with due and proper Differences by Letters Patent of the Lord Lyon King of Arms bearing even date with this Matriculation namely the Twenty second day of December 1825 (*signed*) E. W. A. Hay. Lyon Clerk."

Extracted upon this and the preceding page of duly stamped paper by me Lyon Clerk Depute and Keeper of the Records of the Lyon Court.

A. Macdonald.

Lyon Clerk Depute.

AUGMENTATION TO THE ARMS OF RICHARD FLOWER OF ELY IN
THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGE, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR GILBERT
DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 10TH JUNE, 1 MARY (1554).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, fo. 49.]

To all Nobles and gentiles theis presents readeing, heareing or seeinge Gilbert Dethicke alias Garter principall King of Armes, sendeth due and humble commendations and greeting: Equity willeth and reason ordeineth, y^t men vertuous and of Noble courage be by their meritts, rewarded, not only their persons in this mortall life soe breife and Transitory, but also after y^{em} those that shall be descended of their bodyes, to be in all places of honnour with other Nobles and gentiles accepted and taken by certaine Ensignes and Demonstrances of honnour and Noblenesse, And Forasmuch as Richard Flower of Clyr [*sic for Elye*] in the County in the County [*sic*] of Cambridge gentleman is descended of a house vndefamed, bearing armes, Neuerthelesse he being vncertaine, vnder what sorte and manner his predecessours beare the same, with the due difference not willing to doe any thing that should be preiudiciall to any gentleman of name, and of Armes, hath desired me the said Garter principall King of Armes, to ordeine assigne and sett forthe his said Armes and Crest, with an augmentation and their due difference lawfully to be borne: I seing therfore his request soe iust and reasonable, by authority and power annexed attributed giuen and granted to me and to my office of Garter principall king of Armes, haue ordeined assigned, giuen and granted to his said Armes, an augmentation in manner as hereafter Followeth: (That is to say) *A chefe siluer two fleurdeylces gold, [sic] as more plainly appeareth depicted in this Margent**: To haue and to hold to him

* Coloured coat showing the *flower de lyces gules*. In the Visitations of Cambridgeshire, 1575 and 1619 (Harleian Society, vol. xli, p. 86), the arms are given as *Azure, a fleur-de-lys or, on a chief argent two fleurs-de-lys gules*, and the crest, *a stork with wings indorsed proper, beaked gules, charged with a bow-knot or*.—[ED.]

and his posterity, and they it to vse and enioy for euermore: In witnes wherof I the said Garter King of Armes, haue signed theis presents with my hand, and sett thervnto the seale of my Armes, with the Seale of my office of Garter principall king of Armes. Giuen and confirmed at London, the Tenth day of June, in the First yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Mary by the grace of god Queene of England France and Ireland Defender of y^e Faith: etc.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT FORDE OF HADLEY, CO.
SUFFOLK, GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX,
DATED 10TH DEC., 1539.

[MS. Queen's Coll. 139, No. 39.]

To all Nobles and Jentles these present Lettres Reding hering or seing Thomas Hawlay alias Clarencieux principall herault and Kyng of Armes of the South East and West partes of this Realme of Englande from the Riuer of Trente Southwarde sendith dew and humble commendacions. As Equitie willith and reason ordenith that men vertuous and of noble courage be by their merites and good renowme rewarded nat alonly their persons in this mortall lyfe so brief and transitory but after them those that shalbe of their bodyes descendid to be in all placys of honnor perpetually with other renowned accepted and taken by certeyne Insignes and demonstrances of honnor and Noblesse that is to saye blason helme and tymbre to thend that their ensamples shuld cause other to enforce their selues to haue perseueraunce in vsing their dayes in Feates of Armes and wercks vertuous to get the renowme of auneynt Noblenes in their Lignes and posterities And therfore I Clarencieux kyng of Armes as aboue is wrytten nat alonly by the commen renowme but allso by the reporte and wittnesse of men worthy to be taken of worde and credence am plainly certified and enformed that Robert Forde of Hadley in the countye of Suffolck gentleman is descendid of a howse vndefamed and hath of long tymes pursued in Feates of Armes and wercks vertuous and in all other his affaires hath born hymselfe so vertuously and honestly so that he hath well deseruyd from hensforth to bere the tokens and Insignes of honor and Noblesse that is to saye Armes Neuerthelesse he not willing to do enny thing that shuld be prejudiciall to anny gentleman off name and of Armes hath desyerid me the said Clarencieux king of Armes to sett forth geue graunt assigne and appoynt his sayde Armes hearme and Creast with dew difference lefully to be borne Wherfore I Clarencieux Kyng of Armes seying the request so just and resonable by thauctoritye and power to me and to my Office of Clarencieux King of Armes annexed attributed geuen and graunted by the Kyng our soueraigne Lords highnes by expresse wordes Vnder his most noble great Seale haue deuised ordenid and assigned to the said Robert Forde gentleman these Armes as hereafter folowith That is to say *Geules, two bends siluer and sable verre in a Canton golde a demy greyhonde passant sable langued geules vpon his hearme on a torse siluer and sable on a bere hed Rasy vert moseled gold thre dropps siluer manteled geules dobled siluer* as more plainly apperith depicted in this margent to haue and to hold to hym

and his posteritie any they hit to vse to their worshipps for euermore In wittnes wherof I the said Clarenceiulx Kyng of Armes haue signed these presentes with my hande and sett therunto the Seale of my Armes with the Seale of my office of Clarenceiulx Kyng of Armes Yeuen and graunted at London the xth daye of Decembre the yere of owr Lord God a thowsand fyue hondred thyrty and Nyne And of owr Souereigne Lord kyng Henry the Eight the xxxj^o of his most noble reigne

Par moy Clarenceiulx Roy Aarmes.

Seals of Thomas Hawley and of Clarenceux.

Originale penes Gulielmum

Le Neue militem Clarenceiulx

Regem Armorum.

CERTIFICATE OF ARMS, CREST AND SUPPORTERS, TO SIR WILLIAM FRASER OF LEADCLUNE, BARONET, BY THOMAS ROBERT, EARL OF KINNOULL, LORD LYON, KING OF ARMS, DATED 3RD JAN., 1807.

[From original in possession of Harleian Society.]

To all and sundry whom these Presents do or may Concern We, Thomas Robert Earl of Kinnoull &c. Lord Lyon King of Arms, do hereby Certify and declare that the Ensigns Armorial pertaining and belonging to Sir William Fraser of Leadclune Baronet only son of William Fraser Esquire by his second Wife Helen daughter of William Ross of Monquieth Esquire which last William Fraser was third son of Hugh Fraser of Leadclune Esquire commonly called Hustan Ogg by Anne daughter of William Fraser of Ruthven, which Hugh was eldest Son and Heir of Hugh Fraser of Leadclune Esquire commonly called Hustan More by Katharine daughter of William Fraser of Foyers, which last Hugh was second son of Alexander Fraser of Farraline by Marjory only daughter of Mac Ion Vic Cunchie of Garthbeg, which Alexander was the sixth in descent in the male line from Hugh first Lord Lovat and his wife Janet daughter of Walter Fenton of Fenton by his second son Alexander Fraser Esquire are matriculated in the public registers of the Lyon Office and are Blazoned as on the Margin* thus Vizt: *Quarterly, first and fourth Azure a Bend engrailed Argent (for Fenton) between three Frasiars of the last (for Fraser) in the dexter chief a canton Girony of eight Or and Sable to show Sir William's descent from the family of Farraline by a marriage with the only daughter of Garthbeg who was descended from the family of Argyle, Second and Third, Argent three Antique Crowns gules, over all the Badge of a Baronet of Great Britain; Above the Shield is placed an helmet befitting his degree with a mantling of his tinctures and on a Wreath is set for Crest a Buck's head erased gules, On a Compartment whereon is this Motto Je Suis Prest are placed for Supporters two Stags proper armed and unguled Or, collared Azure and pendant from each collar an Inescutcheon Girony of eight Or and Sable, each Supporter resting one foot on an anchor sable; Which Armorial Ensigns above blazoned We do hereby ratify confirm and assign to the said Sir*

* Coloured coat of arms, crest, and supporters on parchment. The seal appended to the original is missing.—[ED.]

William Fraser Baronet and the Heirs male of his body as their proper Arms and Bearing in all time coming. In Testimony whereof these Presents are subscribed by James Home of Linhouse Esquire, our deputy and the Seal of our Office is appended hereunto at Edinburgh this Third day of January One thousand eight hundred and seven years.

(Signed) James Home.

Lyon Office Edin^r 3 Jan. 1807. This Patent is duly entered in the records of the Lyon office by me (signed) John Ker, L.A.C.

GRANT OF SUPPORTERS TO JOHN, BARON FRECHEVILLE OF
STAVELEY, CO. DERBY, BY SIR EDWARD WALKER, GARTER,
DATED 15TH APRIL, 1665.

[Harl. MS. 1052, fo. 199b.]

To all & singular vnto whom these presents shall come Sr Edward Walker Kn^t Garter pri[] King of Armes of Englishmen sendeth greeting, wheras our Sovereigne Lord King Charle[] second takeing into his princely consideration the Nobleness of the extraction of John frecheville of Staueley in the County of Derby Esq: descended in a continued & direct [] from that noble Norman Anker de ffrecheville who came into this Kingd with W. the Conq^r & [] mar: Julian ye dau: & heir of Hube[rt] ffitz-Ralph Baron of Cryche in the County of Derby & of Anker de ffrecheville, who in the tyme of King Henry the 3^d marr. Amice the dau: of Ralph Lo: Musard Aunt & heir of John Lord Musard Baron of Staueley which said Lordship of Staueley (the head of the said Barony) is now in the possession of the said John ffrecheville And alsoe considering that his Mat^{ies} Royall Predecessors haue rewarded his Ancestors, for their signal services performed to the Crown particularly that the virtue & Courage of Ralphe de ffrecheville shewed in the Scottish war was rewarded by King Edw: the first not only with a large proportion of lands in Scotland, but was also for his great Prudence, sumoned amongst the Barons to the Parliament held at Sarum in the fife and Twentieth year of his Reigne; And ye singular fortitude of Peter ffrecheville (another of his Ancestors) shewed in the Battell of Musleborough in the tyme of K: Edw: the sixth was iustly rewarded with the honour of Knighthood. And his Mat^{ie} further considering the great merit virtue courage & constant fidelity to the Crowne, of the said John ffrechville did by his Letters Patents bearing date at westm^r the 16 day of March last past Creat him the said John ffrechville Baron ffrechevill of Staueley* in the s^d County of Derby To haue & to hold the State dignity Degree Stile Title Name & honour of Baron ffrecheville of Staueley to him the said John ffrecheville, & the heirs Males of his Body lawfull begotten for euer, with all Rights Priuiledges Preheminences & Immunities to a Baron belonging, As by the said

* John Frechville obtained a Royal warrant, 25 March, 1644, for his creation as a Peer by the style of Lord Frecheville of Staveley Muzard and Fitz-Ralph. This patent, however, never passed the Great Seal (*Complete Peerage*, by G.E.C.). The Patent which was preparing on the above Warrant mentions also (Lansdowne MS. 207, fo. 76) his military services at Nottingham, Worcester, Kington, Marlborough, Newbury, and elsewhere.—[Ed.]

Letters Patents it doth & may more fully appear. And whereas it is an especiall & more peculiar Right, & Preheminance belonging to the Peers of this kingdome to haue certain supporters added to their Armes for their Greater honour & to distinguish them from Persons of Inferiour ranke know yee therfore that I the said Sr Edw. Walker Knight Garter Principall King of Armes by the power and Authority annexed vnto my said office Haue giuen granted and confirmed and by these presents doe giue Grant & Confirme vnto the said Right honorable John Baron ffrecheuill of Staueley aforesaid & to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten barons Frecheuille of Staueley the supporters hereafter mençoned vizt. *Two angels winged & robed Or each holding an Arrow of the first head[ed] & fletched Argent wearing Coats of maile & Armour with morions on their heads proper in the front of each a Cross Pater [sic] ffitche Or. Supporting a Shield of his Armes,* as in the margent* of these presents more liuely is depicted. The w^{ch} supporters hee the said John Baron firecheuille & the heirs males of his body Barons ffrechville of Staueley may & shall lawfully bear & vse at all tymes & vpon all occasions according to the law & practise of Armes. In witnes wherof I haue herevnto subscribed my name & affixed the seale of my office the ffifteenth day of Aprill in the seventeenth year of the Reigne of o^r Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Defender of the ffaith &c: Annoq Dñi: 1665

Edw. Walker, Garter.

GRANT OF CREST TO GILBERT FREMLINGE OF HARTLIP, CO. KENT, SON OF WILLIAM FREMLINGE, CO. KENT, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED [blank], XVJ^o: ANNO ELIZABETHÆ [24th May, 6 Eliz: Harl. MS. 1441, fo. 62].

[MS. Queen's Coll. 139, No. 88.]

To all and Singular Nobles and gentlemen and others to whome theis presents shall Come be seen heard or vnderstood. I Sir William† Dethick Knight alias Garter Principall King of Armes, send greeting in our Lord God euerlasting: Forasmuch as aunciently from the beginning, the valiant and vertuous acts of excellent persons haue bin Commended to the world and Posteritie, with diuers monuments and remembrances of their good deserts Amongst the which, the Cheiffest and most vsuall hath bine, the beareing of signes in sheilds called Armes, being none other thing then the tokens of Prowes and valour diuersly distributed, and giuen to sundry persons which diuersly deserue them. To the intent therefore that such as by their vertues doe adde and shewe forthe to the advancement of the Common Wealth, the Shine of their good life and Conuersation daily practize of things worthy and Commendable, being the true and perfect tokens of a right noble disposition, may not only in their owne liues, receaue the due reward therefore, but also deriue the same, and Continue it to their posterity for euer. Amongst the which nomber Gilbert Fremlinge, the sonne of William Fremlinge in the County of Kent and his auncestours before him

* The margin has a fine and full-paged trick of the supporters with the arms, *Azure, a bend between six escallops argent.*—[ED.]

† An obvious error for Sir Gilbert.—[ED.]

haue of long time bine the bearers of theis tokens of honour, to witt, of Armes, And yet not finding anie Creast, or Cognizance belonging or appertaining to the same, as to many auncient Coates of Armes at this day there are now [*sic*, ? none], he the said Gilbert Fremlinge, the sonne of William Fremlinge of the County aforesaid, hath required me y^e said Garter Principall King of Armes, to assigne vnto his said Armes a Crest or Cognizance meet and lawfull to be borne, with [*sic*] preiudice of any other person. In Consideration wherof, and for a further declaration, of the worthines, of the said Gilbert Fremlinge, and at his instant request, I the said Garter Principall King of Armes, by power and authoritie to me giuen, vnder y^e great seale of England, haue deuised assigned giuen and granted, vnto the said Gilbert Fremlinge, this Creast or Cognizance followinge (That is to say) *on a wreath argent and gules a [blank] or*, which Armes* and Crest and euery part and parcell therof, I the said Garter Principall King of Armes doe by theis presents, ratifie, assigne giue and grant vnto the said Gilbert Fremlinge, and his posterity for euer, And he the same to vse enioy beare and shewe forth, at all times and in all places, at his liberty and pleasure, without the impediment Let or interruption of anie person or persons whatsoeuer. In witnes wherof I the said Gilbert Dethicke Knight alias Garter Principall King of Armes, haue caused theis letters pattents to be made, setting thervnto my hand, and confirmeing the same, aswell with the seale of my office, as the seale of my Armes. Dated the xvjth yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queene of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith: etc.

GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN FULLWER OF TEMPSFORD, CO. BEDS.,
ESQ., BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 20TH DEC.,
3 ELIZ. (1560).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, No. 116.]

To all Nobles and gentles theis present lettres readeing heareing or or [*sic*] seing Sir Gilbert Dethicke Knight alias Garter principall King of Armes, sendeth due and humble commendations and greeting Equity willeth and reason ordeineth That men vertuous and of Noble courage be by their meritts and good renowne renowned, not only their persons in this mortall life soe breife and transitory but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended to be in all places of honnour accepted and taken with other nobles and gentiles, by certaine Ensignes, and Demonstrances of honnour That is to say blazon healme and Timbre And therfore I the said Garter doe by theis presentes notifie and declare that John Fullwer Lord of the Mannour of Temesford In the County of Bedford Esquire and Judge of the Guildhall, of the Courtes of one of the Sheriffes of London is descended of Thomas Fulwer Lord of Markes Hall in the Countie of Essex Esquire, grandfather to the said John, and of Thomas Fullwer,

* Coloured coat of arms and crest in the margin: *Gules, a chevron between three Esquires' helmets, each crested with an ostrich feather argent. Crest, an elephant passant or, girt with a wreath of laurel vert.* In MS. Queen's Coll. 145, fo. 2b, there is a note of an earlier grant by Sir Gilbert Dethick, dated 24th May, 1563, with a trick showing the tusks to be gules.—[Ed.]

Lord of Netes in y^e Ile of Chepey in the County of Kent Esquire Father to the said John, and of Margaret daughter and heire of Nicholas Clarell of Edgecott in the County of Northampton Esq. mother to the same John, which said Thomas Thomas and Margaret be descended, of ancient houses of long time beareinge armes, as appeareth in the records of my office, which said Armes be here in this margent depicted and sett forth. Neuertheles the said John Fullwer, being vncertaine vnder what manner his Ancestors beare their Crest and being loath to doe any thing of him selfe, that might preiudice any gentleman of name and of Armes, hath desired me me [*sic*] the said Garter, to set forth to his said Armes, a Crest due and lawfull to be borne. Wherefore I the said Garter, seing his request soe iust and reasonable, by the power and authority annexed, attributed, giuen and granted to me and to my office of Garter principall King of Armes, by expresse words vnder the most noble greate Seale Haue ordeined, deuised, and set forth to his said Armes, the Crest in manner as hereafter followeth: That is to say *Vpon his hearme on a torse gold and azure a demipegasus coupe gules mained annelled full of Starrs gold mantelled gules doubled siluer.* As more plainly appeareth depicted in this margent.* To haue and to hould the said Crest to the said John Fullwer Esq. and to his posterity, and they it to vse and enioy for euermore. In witnes wherof I the said Garter principall King of armes haue signed theis presents with my hand and set thervnto the Seale of my armes with the Seale of my office of Garter principall King of Armes. Giuen and granted at London the Twentyeth day of December in the third yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England France, and Ireland Defen: Defender [*sic*] of the Faith etc:

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO RICHARD FULMERSTON OF THETFORD, CO. NORFOLK, ESQ., BY GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 15TH JUNE, 2 AND 3 PHILIP & MARY (1556).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 140, No. 69.]

To all Nobles and Gentles theis presente lettres, readeing heareing or seinge Gilbert Dethicke alias garter principall King of armes sendeth due and humble commendacions and greeting. Equity willeth and reason ordeineth, that men vertuous and of Noble courage be by their meritts and good renowne, rewarded, not only their persons in this mortall life soe breife and transitory, but also after them those that shall be of their bodyes descended, to be in all places of honnour with others renowned accepted and taken, by certaine Ensignes and Demonstrances of honnour and Nobles, That is to say blazon hearme and Timbre, to the end that by their Ensamples, others may the more enforce themselues, to vse their dayes in Feates of Armes, and workes vertuous, to gett the renowne of Ancient Noblenes in their loynes and posterityes And therefore I the said Garter principall King of Armes, not only by the common renowne but also by the reporte, and witnes of diuerse worthy, to be taken of word and credence,

* Coloured crest but no arms in the shield.—[E.D.]

am plainly advertized, and enformed, that Richard Fulmerston of Thethforthe in the County of Norffolk, Esquire is descended of a house vndefamed, bearing Armes, Nevertheles he being vncertaine vnder what sorte and and [sic] manner his predecessors, beare the same hath desired me the said Garter to ordeine assigne and sett forthe an Armes and Crest lawfull to be borne. Therefore I seeing his request soe iust and reasonable and especially considering, the good and Faithfull service done in the king's highnes affaires, vnder the Dukes of Norffolk as otherwise, by the Authority and power annexed, attributed, giuen and granted to me and to my office of Garter principall King of Armes, by expresse words vnder the greate seale, haue ordeined, assigned, and sett forthe theis Armes, and Crest in manner as hereafter followeth (That is to say) *gold on a fese a rose betweene wheatsheaves [sic] of y^e Feild, three Seawewes azure beaked and membred gules, vpon his healme on a wreath siluer and azure a goates head Razy purple plated Siluer, horned and bearded gold holding, in his mouth an aglington branche verte, the flowers siluer manteled gules doubled siluer.* As more plainely appeareth depicted in this margent.* To haue and to hold to the said Richard Fulmerston, and to his posterity, and they it to vse and enioye for evermore. In witnes wherof I the said Garter, haue signed theis presents, with my hand, and sett therto the seale of my Armes with the seale of my office of Garter principall King of Armes. Giuen and granted at London, the xvth day of June, in the second and Third yeares of the raigne of our Soueraignes, Phillip and Mary, by the grace of god King and Queene of England, Spaine, France, both the Cicelles, Dukes of Austria Dukes of Burgondy, Mylaine and Brabant Countes of Haspurge Flaunders and Tyrolle.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT GARDINER OF CO.
LANCASTER, GENT., BY GILBERT DETHICK, NORROY,
DATED 15TH APRIL, 3 EDW. VI (1549).

[Harl. MS. 2146, fo. 24.]

To all Nobles and Gentles theise þnt ires reading hering or seeing Gilbert Dethicke als Norroy principall herauld & King of Armes of the North partes from the river of the Trent Northward sendyth due & humble cōmendaçon & greeting: Equitie willeth and reason ordeyneth that men vertuose and of Noble Courage be by their meritts and good renowne rewarded, not alonely their psens in this mortall lief so breife & transitory, but also after them those that shall bee of their bodyes descended to be in all plaecys of hono^r with other Nobles and gentles accepted and taken by certeyne ensignes & demonstraçons of hono^r & Noblesse: And forasmuch as Robert Gardiner of Lankasshire gentleman & this p^sent tyme yeman for the Mouth to the King our Sovereigne Lord is descended of an Auncyent house bering Armes. Neverthelesse he uncerteyne under what sort and Manner his p^odecesso^{rs} bare their Creast and Timbre hath desired me the sayd Norrey King of Armes to ratifie Conferme and set forth his sayd Armes and Crest due and Lawfull to be borne and there-

* Coloured coat of arms and crest in margin.—[ED.]

fore I the sayd Norrey King of Armes seeing his request soe just & reasonable by the vertue authority & power annexed attributed given & graunted by the King our Sovereigne Lordis highnes by exp^{ss}e wordes under his most noble great Seal have ratified Confirmed and sett forth his Armes & Crest due and Lawfull to be borne: That is to say *sable a cheveron betwene 3 hornes silver, lased & tipped gold, on a pile in cheife the Bordure gold a Cov^{ed} Cup on the Bordure viij Crescents gules upon his hearme on a torse gold & asure A Stone Buckes head [a goat's head attired or, Harl. 1359, fo. 59.—ED.] sable & in a Crowne golde Langued gueles manteled Sable doubled Silver* as more playnly appeareth depicted in this Margent* To have and to hold to the sayd Robert Gardiner and to his posterity and they it to use and enjoy to their Worshepps for ev^{er}more. In witnes whereof I have signed theise p^{nt}s with my hand and set thereunto the Seale of my Armes: Yeven and graunted at London the xvth day of Aprill in the iij^d yeare of y^e Raigne of o^r Sovereigne Lord Edward the vjth by the grace of god King of England &c. 1549.

A grant of an earlier coat and crest to Robert Gardener, of Lancashire, by Gilbert Dethick, Norroy, dated 20th July, 2 Edw. VI (1548), has been printed in *Miscellanea Gen. et Her.*, 3rd Series, iii, 141.—[ED.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS GENT OF
BUMSTEAD AT THE TOWER, CO. ESSEX, ESQ., BY ROBERT
COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 12TH NOV., 1566.

[Harl. MS. 1432, fo. 163b.]

To all and singuler as wel nobles as Gentilmen as others to whom these presents shal come Robert Cooke Esquire als Clarencieulx principall Herald and King of Armes, of the Sowthe Este and Weste parts of this Reaulme of England from the River of Trent Sowthwards sendethe greetings whereas aunciently from the beginninge the valiant & virtuous Actes of worthie persons haue bin Comendid to the world with sondry monuments & remembrances of their good deserts Emongest the whiche the chefest and most vsuall hath bene the bearing of signes in sheilds caled Armes w^{ch} are Euident Demonstraçons of Prowis and valoure diuersly distributed according to the Qualities and deserts of the Persons, which Order as it was Prudently devysed in the beginning to stirre vp and kindle the hartes of men to the imitaçon of vertue and noblenes Even so hath the same ben and yet is continually obserued to thende that such as haue don Comendable service to their Prynce or Contry either in warre or Peace may both receiue dew honour in their lyues & also deryue the same successyvely to their posteritie after them and being required of Thomã Gent of Bumsted at the Tower in the Countie of Essex Esq: to make search in the Registers and Records of my office, for such Armes and Creast as he may lawfully bear wherupon I haue vpon his request made serche accordingly and find that hee may lawfully beare the Armes & Creast hereafter following. That is to saye *Quarterly in the first for Gent ermin on a cheif indented sable two Eagles displayed Gold, in the seconde quarter for Moyne Golde a Crosse ingrayled sable,*

* Rough tricks of arms and crest separately in margin.—[ED.]

a labell of three points Gules on euery Poynt three beazants and so quarterly and to his Crest vpon his heaulme on a wreath Gold and Sable issuante owte of a Crowne Siluer a demi Egle displayed Ermyne manteled Gules doubled Syluer, as more plainly apperith depicted in this margent.* The which Armes and Crest and euery Part & Parcell thereof I the said Clarencieux King of Armes by Power and Authoritie to my office annexed & Grawnted by Letters Patents vnder the Great Seale of England do ratify confirme & Allowe to the said Thomas Gent Esq^r and to his posteritie with theyr due difference, and they the same to vse and enioye for euer without ympedym^t lett or interrpeçon of any Person or Persons. In witnes whereof I the said Clarencieux Kinge of Armes haue sett hereunto my hand and seale of office the xiith day of Novembre 1571 and in the viiith [*sic*—ED.] yeare of the Raigne of our Souereigne Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England ffrence and Ireland &c. defender of the ffaith &c.

Rob Cooke Alias Clarenciulx
King of Armes.

See also *Visitations of Essex* in Harleian Society's Publications, xiii and xiv, 202, 403, and 661; and also another coat of Gent of Crimplesham at p. 466, viz., *Sable two pales or, on a fess gules three fleurs-de-lis of the second*.—[ED.]

AUGMENTATION BY LETTERS PATENT, ROYAL WARRANT FOR
SIR GEORGIUS GIUSTINIANI, KNT., FROM VENICE (JAMES I),
1608, [MS. Rawlinson B. 102, fo. 52b.]

Jacobus dei gracia Magnæ Britaniæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fidei defensor etc. Vniuersis et singulis hasce literas inspecturis salutem Quibus Litteris propositum nobis est virtuti iustam mercedem idque nobili et illustri viro Georgio Giustiniano Serinissimæ Venetorum reipublicæ ad nos Legatos, et in eo munere per triennij iam spacium apud nos perfundendo, optimè de nobis deque sua reipublica promerenti iudicij, et beneuolentiæ nostræ testimonium tribuere. Id vero quoniam non alia ratione vel pro regia nostra erga illum gracia, et fauore vel pro meritis ipsius magis aptè congruenterque præstare possumus quam si aliqua honoris accessione auctus et condecoratus a nobis discedat propterea equestris ordinis siue equitis Aurati gradu, titulo, et dignitate illum donauimus Quod vt omnibus clarius inotescat vtque ipse equitis Aurati numero et loco (Ita vt equ[u]m est) vbique locorum habeatur et censeatur hisce iam litteris palam testamur ac profitemur (adeoque etiam idipsum hoc diplomate nostro ratum et confirmatum esse volumus) prænominatum Georgium Giustianum [*sic*] equestris ordinis dignitate honore et titulo vltro a nobis donatum atque insignitum esse; Ideoque illud ab omnibus tum regiæ nostræ dignitati atque auctoritate tum ipsius meritis deberi vt eo numero, et loco apud populares suos Et vsquam alibi perinde habeatur ac nos quosius alios prestantes viros simili honore ab alijs regibus ornat, et condecoratos sumus habituri. Atque insuper,

* A trick in the margin.—[ED.]

vt beneuolentiæ in illum nostræ maius testimonium extet, et honos a nobis illi tributus posteritati etiam propagetur accessionem per honorificam e regys nostris insignibus decerptam nomini, et familiæ illius adiunximus nimirum vt *in superiori parte auiti Clypei gentilitij Leonem Anglicum Carduum Scotiæ supportantem* gestet eamque accessionem prefato Georgio Giustiano [sic] atque hæredibus suis de corpore suo iustè legitimèque procreatis in Clypeo, gestandam, habendam, tenendam et vtendam hoc ipso etiam Diplomate damus, et concedimus, provt in margine istarum litterarum eam suis coloribus describi, et depingi iussimus. In Cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT GLOVER,
SOMERSET HERALD, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX,
AND WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 4TH MARCH, 1577.

[Stowe MS. 606, fo. 4.]

The Coppe of the Pattent y^t was granted vnto Robert Glouer alias Somersett herauld of Armes.

To all and singuler as well nobles & gentils as others to whome these presents shall come be sene heard Read or vnderstoode Robert Cooke Esquire alias Clarencieux principall herauld and Kinge of Armes of the East West and south partes of this Realme of Englande from y^e ryuer of Trent southwardes and William fflower Esquire alias Norroy principall herauld & Kinge of Armes of the East West & North partes of this Realme of England from the ryuer of Trent northwardes sende greetinge in our lord god euerlastinge Aunciently from the beginninge the vertuous and valiaunt actes of excellent personns haue ben comended to the world & posteritie with sundrey monuments & apt remembrance of their good deseartes: emonge the which the cheifest & most vsuall haue ben y^e bearinge of signes and tokens in sheildes & Escucheons called armes instituted to remayne to all ages as continuall demonstrations & testimonie of the worthynesse of the bearers, and diuersly distributed accordinge to their qualities condicions estates & degrees. How be yt although the same was prudently inuented to stirre vp & enflame the hartes of men to the imytation of the like vertue & noblesse shininge in others, and is with noe lesse wisdom & good pollicie still continued in these our dayes that such as haue don commendable seruice to their Prince or contrey either in warr or peace may bothe receaue due honor & estimation in this life soe transitorie and also deriue and conuey the same to their ofspring and posteritie successyuely for euer: yet notwithstandinge it hath often chaunced by reason of euill wares inuasions of outward enemies and meny tymes thorough the negligence and ignoraunce of men litle regardinge their duties or else by y^e fatall course & reuolution of yeares & infelicitie of tyme w^{ch} is wont to deuoure all thinges, that the memory of such well deseruinge persons hath ben vtterley lost layd asyde & drowned in obliuion, wherby not

only priuate famylies & kindredes of noble race but also maigne states of Kingdomes & principalities hath ben greatly blemished and obscured which was the cheife cause that moued Emperours Kinges & rulers of the earth in greate wisdomes foresight & pollicie, to institute & ordeyne Kinges heraldes & officers of armes to whose authoritie & charge they comitted the preseruacion and knowledge of these thinges worthy eternitie the regestringe & enrollinge of armes ensignes and tokenes of honor together with the genealogies pedegrees & desentes of all nobilitie & gentry as also the mareschallinge placinge orderinge & publishinge of the same in due forme meet tyme & place to their perpetuall honor fame & renowne. The consideration hearof hath mooued vs the said Clarencieux & Norroy Kinges of Armes deligently to view & peruse sondrey willes testamentes & other euydences shewed & presented vnto vs by Robert Glouer alyas Somersett heralde of armes sonne & heire of Thomas Glouer late of Eshetisforde [Ashford.—Ed.] the sonne & heire of Thomas Glouer somtyme of New Rumney in the Countie of Kent gentleman which were his auncestors & doe sufficiently proue him the sayd Robert to be well borne & discended of such as haue borne Armes & tokens of their race and gentry, who beinge likewise occasioned in respect of place and callinge to reuyue & continew the vse of the same, & further touched with a care for the preseruacion of his birthright hath required vs the sayd Kinges of Armes in this maner to testifie our knowledges in the premisses, & to keepe record of the same, & withall hath further desyred vs, for that vnto his sayd auncient armes there can noe creast nor ornament to the healme be founde (as vnto meny Armes ther were anciently none) to assigne vnto his auncient Armes a Creast or Cognoysance mete & lawfull to be borne without preiudice or offence to eny other persons. We the saide Clarencieux & Norroy Kinges of Armes of an especial zeale & good effectiō by vs borne vnto him the said Robert Glouer alyas Sommersett herald for his vertuse to vs well knowne, haue willingly condescended vnto his request & by the power & authoritie to vs comitted by letters patents vnder the greate sealle of England, haue assigned giuen & graunted vnto the sayd Robert Glouer for his Creast or Cognoysance *on the healme a Markuriall hatte winged sable touned vp argent: therunto addinge Mantelles of sable doubled or lined argent as mor playnely together with his saide auncient Armes, beinge sable a cheueron ermyn betwene three crescents argent*, appeareth depicted & described in the margine heareof,* which Creast and Cognoysance together with his sayd auncient armes, & every part & parcell therof we the said Clarencieux & norroy Kinges of armes by power & authoritie aforesayd & by vertue of our offices of Kinges of armes doe by these presents giue & graunt, ratifie & confirme vnto the sayd Robert Glouer & to his ofspringe, & posteritie for euer he and they the same to haue, holde, vse, beare, enioy, and shewe forthe att all times & for euer hereafter with their due differences accordinge to the lawe of Armes in sheild, coate, armure, pennon, scale, hachment, or other wise, att his & their libertie & pleasure, without the impediment, let or interruption of eny person or persons. In witnesse wher we the said Clarencieux & Norroy Kinges of armes haue herevnto subscribed our names

* Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[Ed.]

& sett to the seuerall sealles of our offices, the fourthe day of Marche In the
 yeare of our lord god a thousand fiue hundred seuentie seauen, & in the twentihe
 yeare of the reigne of our most gracious souereigne Ladye Elizabeth quene of
 England fraunce & Ireland defender of the faith &c.

Rob. Cooke Alias Clarenciux
 King of Armes.

p moy Wyllam fflower
 alias Norroy King
 of Armes.

The Editor's copy of Noble's *History of the College of Arms* has the following note in MS:
 "Somerset's mother was Mildred d. of Robert Bate of Ashford, Cutler, whose will was proved
 at Canterbury in 1543. His father's (Thos. Glover's) will was proved there in 1556. ex inf:
 C. Bridger."

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM GOUGH, GENTLEMAN,
 OF CO. CHESTER, BY THOMAS HOLME, CLARENCEUX,
 DATED 12TH DEC., 21 EDW. IV (1481).

[Harl. MS. 1571, fo. 449.]

To all true Xpian people these p^rsent h^res readinge heareing or seeing I
 Thomas Holme Knight otherwise called Clarenceaux principall Herauld &
 King of Armes of the south parts of this Realme of England sendeth due and
 humble Comendacons and Greetinge as that appertaineth in our lord god
 euerlasting Equity Willeth and reason ordaineth that men vertuous and of
 noble Courage be by theire merritts renowned & not only in their persons in this
 mortal life soe breife and transitory but alsoe in their good name & fame to be
 of noble memory after their departure out of this life and to be in euery place of
 honor before other persons euer more reuerenced, and recomended for shewing
 of certeyne signes and tokens of honor and Gentellnes to the Intent y^t by their
 Ensamples other persons may the sooner and the more enforce & apply them-
 selues to dispend the liues in honoble workes and vertuous deeds for to purchase
 and gett thereby the renowne of Antient gentlenesse in ye Lynes and posterity
 for euer more and therefore I the sayd King of Armes y^t [*sic*] only by comon
 renowne but by my owne Knowledge alsoe and of ye report of many other
 Credible and other psons am verily assarteyned that William Gough Gentleman
 of the County of Chester hath long continued in vertue and in all his Actes
 and demancings hath well sadly and hono^rbly guided & Gouverned himselve soe
 that he hath deserued & is right worthy he and his posterity to be in all places
 of Worshipp, admitted, renowned, accounted, numbred, accepted and receiued
 into ye number and Company of other Antient Gentills, and noble men ppetually
 from henceforth, and for remembrance and consideracon of the same, his gen-
 tlenes vertues & ability by the Authority & power to myne Office annexed and
 Attributed, I the said King of Armes haue deuised, ordained and assigned
 vnto and for the same William to him and his posterity the Armes hereafter
 following, That is to say he beareth *Azure betweene three boares heades siluer*
Armed gould, the Creast vpon a healm, a Boares head gules, about his Necke a
Coller, about his necke a Cheyne gould enarmed of the same, and a Boare Speare

broken in his mouth the head siluer, and the shaft sable, sett with a wreath Gould & vert the Mantle Azure furred with Ermyne as more plainly appeareth in this Margent depicted To haue and to hold the said Armes to the sayd William and to his posterity them to vse and therein to be reuested at theire pleasures to theire hono^r peaceably without Challenge or Interrupcon for euermore In Witnes whereof I the said King of Armes haue signed these p^rsents with myne owne hand and sealed the same with my seale of Authority at London the 12th day of the month of December the 21th yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Edward the fourth.

Appended to the MS. is the following note:

John Hubbertt Cittizen & Mercer of London married with Elizabeth the daughter & heire of Mathew Gough sonn and heire of ye wthin named W^m Gough & they had issue only Richard Hubbert which Richard had issue Edward, Henry, Thomas, Edmond, William, Mathew, & Diuers Daughters.

GRANT OF SUPPORTERS TO JEMIMA CAMPBELL, MARCHIONESS
GREY AND BARONESS LUCAS OF CRUDWELL, BY JOHN
ANSTIS, GARTER, DATED 17TH DEC., 1753.

[Add. MS. 36275b.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come John Anstis Esq^r Garter, Principal King of Arms sendeth Greeting: Whereas His Majesty was Most Graciously pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date the nineteenth day of May in the thirteenth year of his Reign to Create the Most Noble Henry late Duke of Kent Marquiss Grey to hold the same to Him and his Heirs Males lawfully begotten and to be begotten, and in default of such Issue the Title of Marchioness unto Jemima Campbell Grand Daughter of the said Duke by the Lady Amabell Grey deceased eldest Daughter of the said Duke and the late wife of Sir John Campbell Knight of the Bath commonly called Lord Viscount Glenorchy, and after the decease of the said Henry Duke of Kent to hold the said Dignity Title and Honour of Marquiss Grey unto her Heirs Males lawfully begotten and to be begotten: And Whereas upon the decease of the said Most Noble Henry late Duke of Kent without Issue Male, the said Title devolved upon the said Jemima now Marchioness Grey. And Whereas the Barony of Lucas of Crudwell is likewise devolved on the said Marchioness by descent according to the Tenor of other Letters Patent bearing date the seventh day of May in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of King Charles the second. And it being a Privilege of the Peers and Peeresses of this Realm to have Supporters added to their Arms for their greater Honour and Dignity. Know ye therefore that I the said Garter with the Consent of the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Effingham Deputy (with Royal Approbation) to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England signified unto me by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the seventh day of this Instant December, and by Virtue of my

said office Do by these Presents Grant and Assign unto the said Marchioness Grey the Supporters following, that is to say, *On either side a Wiven with Wings erect Or*, as the same are in the Margin more lively depicted, to be born and used by her the said Marchioness Grey and her Issue Male Marquisses Grey and in default of such Issue Male to her Heirs to whom the Barony of Lucas of Crudwell shall descend, according to the law of Arms without the Lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and Seal of Office this seventeenth day of December in the twenty seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith. And in the Year of our Lord God one thousand and seven hundred and fifty three.

[Written on vellum and sealed by Garter. No signatures. The border is illuminated with the arms and supporters.—ED.]

CONFIRMATION TO RICH. GROSVENOR, ESQUIRE, OF EATON, CO. CHESTER, BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED (20TH AUG. [Stowe MS. 676, fo. 125], 1597).

[MS. Queen's Coll. 137, No. 70.]

Omnibus et singulis Nobilibus et generosis, Cuiuscunque dignitatis ac gradus, ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerint [*sic*]: Gulielmus Dethicke Garter Principalis Rex Armorum Salutem. Cum Officij mei autoritate Serenissimæ Reginæ Maiestatis, ac sublimitatis suæ Nobilibus, nec non maioribus semper invictissimis mihi Commissum sit, Cognoscere in annales referre et si opus fuerit publicam declarationem Certo testimonio dare, de cunctis ac singulis Armis prosapijs propagationibus stemmatum gradibus, Insignibus honoris et Nobilitatis in omnibus suæ Maiestatis Regnis Dominijs Principalibus Insulis, et Provincijs Idque vt Nobilitate illustres, non modo nomine antiquorum Parentelæ familiæ, Cognationis nuptiarum et descensus ratione. Verum etiam virtutis, dignitatis, et meritorum respectu Arma gererent honorum signis potirentur, et publice fruerentur. Atque Cum Richardus Grosvenor nunc de Eaton in Comitatu Palatino Cestriæ Armiger, hæres masculus Familiæ Grosvenorum Antiquum a maioribus Suis olim gestum insigne, iterum ab obliuione vindicare desideret Comperimus Namque non modo nostris in officio nostro scrutinij, Verum etiam quam plurimis ab illo exhibitis testimonijs, vt videlicet sigilli impressione Indenturæ cuidam affixi qua Thomæ [*sic*] Grosvenor Miles Henrico Venables Senior [*sic*] in Sancti Laurentij festo anni decimi Henrici V: terras et tenementa Confirmabat. Vtque etiam simili sigilli impressione chartæ cuidam affixi quam Richardus Grosvenor de Eton predicta armiger filius et Hæres masculus dicti Thomæ Grosvenor de Holme militis Anno sexto Edwardi quarti fecit. Vtque etiam sigilli impressione Chartæ affixi per Robertum Grosvenor, filium et Hæredem dicti Radulphi [*sic*] in festo Philippi et Jacobi Anni noni Richardi 7ⁱ: [*sic*, ? for Henry VII —ED.]: factæ: Nonnullisque

alijs perveteribus sigillis, Necnon antiquis monumentis maiores suos *venaticum Canem, siue Canem Venaticum aureum in torque, suis Coloribus variagato stantem* pro insigni gestasse indubitato. Sciatis me dictum Garterum Principalem, Primariumque Armorum Regem ad maiorem huius rei perspicuitatem adiudicare decernere Confirmare, et divulgare insigne *hoc venaticum scilicet, Canem, siue Canem sagacem paulo ante memoratum*. Eoque etiam modo quo in Margine proposuimus, et depingi Curavimus Verum esse et indubitatum, antequam insigne præclaris familiæ, et nominis Grosvenorum, olim Grandium Venavrum Nuncupatum Quodque illis ille licebit vti, frui, et illud gestare cum proprijs differentijs in perpetuum, Deinde vero per presentes easdem reliquos omnes suæ Majestatis subditos in omnibus suis regnis Insulis, Provincijs Dominijs, et Principalibus quibusvis Commemorantes [*sic*] (ne insigne hoc antedictum gestent) Inhibere, et inhibendo præcipere, ne pro suo vtantur, in Cristis, Cognitionibus Clipeis, Scutis, petis, signis, stantibus, aut pendentibus, vexillis, peniculis, Castris, tentris, Cognitionis Tunicis, vtensilibus, structuris Ædeficijs, Tumulis sepulchris, Monumentis, Antilenis, postilenis equorum militarium, aut militari modo instructorum, siue apparatu quovis, ad hastrios, vel gladiatorios ludos destinato, sub pena amissionis gladij Armorum et aliorum honoris gestaminum suorum Tum etiam multæ a me iuxta causa suæ grauitatem imponendo in officio meo scilicet, Armorum lex, et Consuetudo in hac parte exigit In Cuius rei testimonium, et perpetuam memoriam, huic presenti Chartæ, sigillum meorum Armorum apposui Sigillum officij mei apposui affixi, et Nomen subscripsi: Datum apud officium Armorum Londini, Quadragesimo die [*sic, but query for the* [] day of [] in the Fortieth year.—ED.] Anno Regni Elizabethæ Domine nostræ serenissimæ, Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Reginæ Fidei defensoris Annoque salutis nostræ: 1597.

The Latin in the above MS. is incorrect in some places, either the grant was faulty or some copyist has written it carelessly. Stowe MS. 676, fo. 125, gives the date as 40 Eliz., and Harl. MS. 2022, fo. 90b, as 20th day of August, 39 Eliz., 1597. The latter MS. has also a trick of the golden talbot.—[ED.]

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS GYLES, CITIZEN AND HABERDASHER, OF LONDON, BY ROBERT COOKE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 28TH JULY, 1579.

[MS. Ashm. 844, fo. 24b.]

To all and singuler &c. Robert Cook Esquire als Clarencieux principall herald and Kinge of Armes &c. greetinge, ffor asmuch &c. And therefore I the sayd Clarencieux Kinge of Armes for the zeale and affection that I beare to the furtherance and advancement of vertue, am mooued to honor it in the person of Thomas Gyles citizin and Haberdasher of London, who for his vertuous Lyl goode conversation and orderly demeanure of him self in sondry offices and places of good credict and estimation within the same Citie, hath well deseaued to be admitted reputed and taken into the nombre and fellowship of the beaurs of the sayd tokens of vertue and honor.

In consyderation wherof &c. I the sayd Clarencieux &c. haue assigned gyven and graunted vnto the sayd Thomas Gyles this Armes and Creast followenge. That is to say *the field gueules a Crosse betwene fower Chalices gold, on the chief argent three Pellicanes sable woundinge theim selves on the breast gules.* And for his Creast vpon the heaulme, *on a Torce or Wreathe gold and gueules, yssuing out of a chalice gold a branche of three redde Gyliflowers stalked vert, with mantelles gules dabled or lyned Argent,* &c. Which Armes and Creast &c. I the sayd Clarencieux do by these pntes ratifie confirme gyve and graunt vnto the sayd Thomas Gyles and to his ofspringe and posteritie for ever. He and they the same to haue &c. In witnesse wherof I the sayd Clarencieux &c. haue herevnto subscribed my name and sette the seale of myne office the 28 day of July, 1579, regni reginæ Elizabethæ, 21.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO JOHN HALES OF NATYNGDON
[NACKINGTON], CO. KENT, BY THOMAS WRIOTHESLEY,
GARTER, AND THOMAS BENOLT, CLARENCEUX, DATED
16TH NOV., 1520 [*in French*].

[Add. MS. 5506, fo. 109.]

To all present and future who these present letters see or hear, Thomas Wryotysley, otherwise called Garter King of Arms of the English and Thomas Benolt, otherwise called Clarenceaux King of Arms of the South parts, greeting with humble commendation.

Equity wills and right ordains that men, virtuous, and of noble courage, be rewarded for their merits and good renown, & not only their persons, in this mortal life so short and transitory, but after them those who from their bodies issuing shall be in all places for ever, with other renown, by certain signs and tokens of honour & of nobility that is to say, of blazon, helm & crest [be known], so that by their example others shall be encouraged to use their days in feats of arms and virtuous deeds to acquire the renown of ancient nobility in their line and posterity. Wherefore we, Garter King of Arms of the English and Clarenceux, King of Arms of the South, aforesaid, not only by common renown, but also by the report and testimony of several noblemen, worthy of belief, are well advertised and informed, that John Hales* of Natyngdon in the county of Kent, gentleman, has long pursued deeds of virtue & as well in these as in other his affairs has carried himself virtuously and governed himself honourably, so that he has well deserved & is worthy that henceforth for ever, he and his posterity be in all places honourably admitted, renowned, acknowledged, counted & received among the number and of the company of other ancient gentle and noble men and for the remembrance of the same, his good renown, by virtue of the authority and power annexed and attributed to our office of Kings of Arms, we have devised, ordained and assigned to the said John Hales, for him and his said posterity, with their differences due, the blazon, helm &

* John Hales was appointed third baron of the Exchequer 1st October, 1522, and second baron 14th May, 1528. He died about 1529 (*Archæologia*, lxix). His name occurs in a Roll of Arms belonging to the Society of Antiquaries, *temp.* Hen. VIII, c. 1547.—[Ed.]

crest, in the manner following, that is to say: *argent, on a chevron sable between three chaplets and in each chaplet a fleur de lys gules; on the chevron three estoiles of eight points of the field, and a chief azure, on the chief three feathers in pale or; for his crest: a conyn* [? coney, Anglo-French *conin*—ED.] *passant argent, his ears sable, having around his neck a collar of roses gules, lined argent*, as is shown in the picture in the margin, to have and to hold to him and his said posterity and by them to be used for evermore.

In testimony whereof, we, Garter King of Arms of the English and Clarenceux King of Arms, of the South parts aforesaid, have signed with our hands and sealed with the seals of our arms these presents, made and given at London the 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ 1520, and the year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth our dread and sovereign lord, the twelfth.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO BARTHOLOMEW HALL
OF IPSWICH, CO. SUFFOLK, GENTLEMAN, AND TO THE
DESCENDANTS OF HIS GRANDFATHER, THOMAS HALL,
BY WILLIAM FLOWER, NORROY, DATED 8TH FEB., 1587-8.

[Copied from a 17th century folio MS. (formerly in the Aston Library) by Thos. Penson, Arms painter, now in the possession of the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, F.S.A.]

Omnibus et Singulis hoc scriptum visuris, lecturis, vel Auditoris: Gulielmus Flower Armiger, aliter dictus Norroy Rex Armorum et principalis Heraldus partium Borealiū Regni Anglie, Salutem optat in domino sempiternam. Quum generosus Vir Bartholomeus Hall de villa Gipwici in Comitatu Suffolcie ex antiqua sui cognominis ffamilia apud Shirbourne in Eboracensi Comitatu oriundus, filius scilicet Thome Hall olim Clerici Hannaperij in cancellaria, qui fuit filius Thome Hall de Schirbourne in Eboracensi Comitatu predicto, me prefatum Norroy Regem Armorum obnixè rogauerit ut generis sui Arma siue insignia gentilitia, iuxta veram Heraldice artis disciplinam ei describerem. Ego quidem ad id exequendum quod est officij mei non solum paratus, sed etiam Viro de patria nostra tam bene merito gratificari cupiens, antiqua et autentica officij mei registra seriniq; sacra diligenter perlustravi in quibus auita et propria generis sui arma siue insignia gentilitia a maioribus suis hactenus usitata inveni, Et ne rei tam memoria digne cognitio diutius delitesceret neue temporis iniuria seu alia quavis occasione nove inquisitionis materia denuo prebeatur Arma siue insignia predicta antiqua, in forma que sequitur discipsi et pro pleniori noticia in margine presentium magis ad vivum suis metallis atq; coloribus delineanda illuminanda depingendaq; curavi; videlicet *in campo herminco super barrulas rubecas quinque scuta tria minora aurea conspicienda ponuntur. Pro Crista vero galee sui appendit clypeus agrestis dante caput argenteum e palatura aurea rubeaq; emergens supereminere visum est, Quibus appendent mantelle rubee argento intrinsecus duplicate et condecorate.** Que quidem in-

* The MS. has a trick showing for the arms: *Ermine, five barrulets gules, over all three escutcheons or*, and for the crest, *out of a palisade* (?), *or and gules, the head of a hind argent.*—[ED.]

signia Clypei antiqua, una cum apice ceu Crista galee imposita ceterisque appendicibus ac ornamentis ego prenominatus Norroy Rex Armorum virtute et auctoritate functionis et officij mei predicti a Reginea Maiestate mihi in hac parte concessa dicto Bartholomeo Hall et universi posteritati predicti Thome Hall avi ac Antecessoris sui addixi tradidi, ac imperpetuum confirmavi per presentes; Ut sibi eisq; liceat deinceps eisdem uti omnibus locis rebus atq; temporibus pro eorum arbitrio: aliquo impedimento contradictione aut prohibitione, id ut ne fieri possit non obstantibus In cuius rei testimonium ego Norroy Rex Armorum predictus hoc scriptum manu mea propria signavi et appensione sigilli officij mei predicti eundem corroboraui. Datum Londini octavo die february Anno Dñi mdlxxxvij regni vero Serenissime Regine Elizabethæ Tricesimo.

p moy Wyllam fflower alias
Norrey Roy d'armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO BRABAZON HALLOWES OF DETHICK HALL, ASHOVER, CO. DERBY, ESQ., AND TO THE DESCENDANTS OF HIS FATHER, THOMAS HALLOWES, BY STEPHEN MARTIN LEAKE, GARTER, AND THOMAS BROWN, NORROY, DATED 14TH APRIL, 1766.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, Stephen Martin Leake Esq^{re} Garter Principal King of Arms, and Thomas Brown Esq^{re} Norroy King of Arms of the North Parts of England from the River Trent Northwards Send Greeting: Whereas Sir Henry Hanloke hath represented unto the Right Honorable Richard Earl of Scarborough Deputy (with the Royal approbation) to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England on behalf of Brabazon Hallowses of Dethick Hall in the parish of Ashover in the County of Derby, Esq^{re}, great grandson of Nathaniel Hallowses of Dethic Hall aforesaid Esq^{re} who lived in the time of King Charles I. That he had produced at the Heralds' Office a Patent of Arms and Crest (bearing date the 6th day of December 1647) granted to the said Nathaniel Hallowses by Edward Bysshe Esq^{re} as Garter Principal King of Arms, viz: *Azure, on a Fesse Argent three Torteaux between as many cressants or.* And for his Crest, *A demy Griffin sable with wings and collar Argent:* in order to be registered among the Gentry of this Kingdom, but being informed that the said Patent (having been made during the usurpation of that Office by the said Edward Bysshe) is illegal and void, Did therefore request his Lordship's Warrant for our granting and assigning to the said Brabazon Hallowses and his descendants and to the descendants of his Father Thomas Hallowses Esq^{re} of Dethick Hall aforesaid, such Arms and Crest as he and they may lawfully bear and use, And forasmuch as his Lordship duly considering the Premises and also a Warrant under the sign manual of King Charles II dated the 4th day of September, in the 12th year of his reign [1660], declaring all grants of Arms, Crest, &c., made

by the said Edward Bysshe Esq^{re} during his usurpation of the said office of Garter to be null and void, but with a Proviso that if any person having had such Grant appears to have been Loyal and Deserving, it should be lawful for the Kings of Arms concerned to assign him such Arms and Crest as he might lawfully bear: And his Lordship being fully satisfied of the Qualifications and Merits of the said Brabazon Hallowes of Dethick Hall aforesaid, did order and direct us to assign unto the said Brabazon Hallowes and to the descendants aforesaid such Arms and Crest accordingly. Know ye therefore that the said Garter and Norroy in pursuance of the consent of the said Earl of Scarborough and by virtue of the Letters Patent of our several offices to each of us respectively granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain have assigned and do by these Presents grant unto the said Brabazon Hallowes the Arms following, viz.: *Azure, on a Fess Argent, between three crescents Or, as many Torteaux*; and for the Crest, *On a wreath of the Colours, A Demy Griffin Sable, wings elevated and Collar Argent*, as the same are in the margin hereof more plainly depicted, to be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Brabazon Hallowes and his descendants and also by the descendants of his Father Thomas Hallowes aforesaid according to the Ancient Practice and Custom of Arms without the Let or Interruption of any person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof, We the said Garter and Norroy, Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed our names and affixed the seals of our several offices this 14th day of April, in the 6th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George III, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., and in the year of our Lord 1766.

S. Martin Leake
Principal King of Arms.

Thomas Brown
Norroy.

The name of "Mr. Hallowes" of Norton, co. Derby, appears among the list of Disclaimers in the Visitation of Derbyshire in 1664.—[ED.]

GRANT AND CONFIRMATION OF ARMS TO JOHN HARDING, GIDEON HARDING AND NICHOLAS HARDING, AND TO THE DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS HARDING (FATHER OF SIR ROBERT HARDING) BY SIR HENRY ST. GEORGE, GARTER, JOHN VANBRUGH, CLARENCIEUX, AND PETER LE NEVE, NORROY, DATED 3RD JULY, 1711.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To all and Singular to whom these presents shall come, Sr Henry St. George, Knight, Garter, Principal King of Arms, John Vanbrugh Esq. Clarencieux King of Arms and Peter Le Neve Esq. Norroy King of Arms send Greeting. Whereas the Right Hon^{ble} Henry Earl of Suffolk and Bindon one of y^e Lords of her Maties most Hon^{ble} Privy Council and Deputy (with the Royal Approbation) to his Grace Thomas Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England hath by Warrant or Order under His Hand and Seal bearing

date the Second Day of this instant July, signified unto us that John Harding of Kings Newton in the Parish of Melborne in the County of Derby Esq^{re} Son and heir to Robert Harding Esq. who was Eldest Son of Sir Robert Harding K^{nt} the Son of Nicholas Harding, all of Kings Newton aforesaid Gideon Harding, Vicar of Kingston in the County of Surrey, Brother of the said Robert and Nicholas Harding of Hatton Garden in the County of Middx. son and heir to Nicholas Harding lately deceased, Brother of the aforesaid S^r Robert Harding, having by their Petition Prayed for an Assignment and Confirmation of the Armes and Crest which they alleged to have been borne and used by them and their Ancest^{rs} (and that the said S^r Robert Harding had an Intention, above 40 years since, to have had the said Armes Confirmed to Him and His Family) scil^t *Gules, on a Cheveron Argent three Escalops Sable with a like Cheveron and Escalops upon a red Mitre* for their Crest, varied or Diversified (if need were) as his Lōp should think fit to be severally borne by them and their Descendents, and the other Descendents of Nicholas Harding, Father of the aforesaid S^r Robert And Whereas His Lōp being well satisfied That the said John, Gideon and Nicholas Harding are Persons of known Loyalty and well affected to Her Mātie and Her Government and that they are possessed of Estates, sufficient to maintain and support the State of Gentility, did by his said Warrant Order and appoint us to Devise some proper Variation, where by the aforesaid Arms and Crest might be diversified from those alledged to be borne by Fitzharding Ancestor of the Most Noble Family of Berkeley Which Armes and Crest so diversified (aft^r His Lōp's Consent to an Approbation thereof) we were to Assign and Confirm in the usual manner unto the aforesaid John, Gideon and Nicholas Harding and also to the other descendents of Nicholas Harding, Father of the before specified S^r Rob^t Harding Knight to be severally borne by them and their Descendents respectively with their due Differences to y^e Law of Arms Know ye Therefore that we the said Garter, Clarenceiux and Norroy, Kings of Arms in pursuance of the Consent of the said Earl of Suffolk and Bindon signified as aforesaid and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our Offices to each of us respectively Granted under the great Seal of England, have Devised and (with His Lōp's Approbation) do assign and Confirm unto ye said John Harding Gideon Harding and Nicholas Harding and also to the other Descendants of Nicholas Harding, Father of the aforesaid S^r Robert Harding Knt. the Armes and Crest hereafter mentioned viz^t *Gules, on a Cheveron Argent Fimbriated or, three Escalops Sable.* And for their Crest *on a Wreath of their Colours A Mitre Gules, Garnished Or, thereon a like Cheveron charged and Fimbriated as aforesaid,* as in the Margin hereof the same are more plainly Depicted. To be borne and Used for ever hereafter by them the said John Harding, Gideon Harding and Nicholas Harding and also by the other Descendents of Nicholas Harding Father of the aforesaid S^r Robert Harding K^{nt} and the Heirs and other Descendents of their several and respective Bodies lawfully begotten and to be begotten with their due and proper Differences, according to the Usage and Practice of Arms without the lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever In Witness whereof Wee the said Garter Clarencieux and Norroy Kings of Arms have each of Us to the Presents set our names and affixed the Seals of Our re-

spective Offices, this Third day of July in the 10th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland. Defender of the Faith etc^a. Annoq Dñi 1711.

Hen: St. George Garter
principal King of Arms.

John Vanbrugh
Clarx. King of Arms.

Peter le Neve Norroy
King of Arms.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF AUGMENTATION AND CREST TO THE
DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS HARDINGE, PATERNAL GRAND-
FATHER OF CAPT. GEORGE NICHOLAS HARDINGE, R.N., BY
SIR ISAAC HEARD, GARTER, GEORGE HARRISON, CLAREN-
CEUX, AND RALPH BIGLAND, NORROY, DATED 6TH JAN.,
1809.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Sir Isaac Heard, Knight, Garter Principal King of Arms, George Harrison, Esqr., Clarenceux King of Arms, and Ralph Bigland, Esquire, Norroy King of Arms, send greeting. Whereas His Majesty by Warrant under His Royal Signet and Sign Manual bearing date the twenty sixth day of November last, hath signified unto the Most Noble Charles Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, that, taking into His Royal Consideration the Zeal, Courage and Perseverance of the late George Nicholas Hardinge Esquire, a Captain in the Royal Navy, and Commander of His Majesty's Frigate the "San Fiorenzo," manifested by him on divers Occasions in the said Warrant recited, but, more especially in the Capture of the Dutch War Brig, "Atalanta," off the Texel, after a desperate Conflict in the night of the 31st of March 1804, by the successful Enterprize of boarding and cutting out that Vessel, himself being at the Head of the Party in the Boats and the first man who boarded her, to which distinguished Service high praise was rendered by Lord Keith, the Commander in Chief on Station, in his public Letter to the Board of Admiralty; and also in the signal and gallant Service of commencing three successive Engagements between His Majesty's said Frigate "San Fiorenzo" and "La Piedmontaise," a French Frigate, off Ceylon, in March last, notwithstanding the great Disparity of the Force between the said Frigates, that of the Enemy carrying Fifty Guns and mustering five hundred and sixty six Men, when His Majesty's Frigate carried only Thirty eight Guns and mustered only One hundred and eighty six men including Officers, a Conflict which terminated in the Capture of the Enemy's Frigate, but unfortunately in the Death of the said Captain George Nicholas Hardinge who fell with Glory in the last of the said three Actions; His Majesty had been graciously pleased in Commemoration thereof, to grant His Royal Licence and Permission that the Male Descendants of the late Nicholas Hardinge Esquire, paternal Grandfather of the said Captain George Nicholas Hardinge who died without issue, may bear forever hereafter to the Armorial Ensigns of their Family the following honourable Augmentations viz: To the Arms of Hardinge, being *On a Chevron fimbriated three Escallops, A Chief wavy, thereon*

a dismantled French Frigate, with her Colours struck, towed by an English Frigate : and, for an additional Crest, that of Hardinge being *A Mitre charged with a Cheveron* as in the Arms, the following viz: *A Hand coupé above the Wrist grasping the Sword of a British Naval Officer, erect, surmounting a Dutch and a French Flag in Saltire, on the former inscribed "Atalanta," on the latter "Piedmontaise," the blade of the Sword passing through a Wreath of Laurel near the Point and, a little below, through another of Cypress : with this Motto "Postera Laude Recens" :* provided such honourable Augmentations be first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise His Majesty's said Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect And Forasmuch as the said Earl Marshal did, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal bearing date the thirty first day of December last, authorise and direct Us to exemplify the said honourable Augmentations to the Armorial Ensigns of Hardinge accordingly: Know Ye Therefore, that We the said Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy, in obedience to His Majesty's Command, in pursuance of His Grace's Warrant and by Virtue of the Letters Patent of our several Offices to each of us respectively granted, do by these Presents exemplify the honourable Augmentations, following, that is to say, *To the Arms of the Family of Hardinge, being Gules, on a Cheveron Argent fimbriated Or, three Escallops sable, a Chief wavy Argent, thereon a Frigate wholly dismantled with the French Flag* flying beneath the British Ensign, towed towards the dexter by a Frigate of apparently inferior force, in a shattered state, the British colours hoisted all proper : and for an additional Crest, that of Hardinge being on a Wreath of the Colours, a Mitre Gules garnished Or, thereon a Cheveron charged and fimbriated as in the Arms, On a Wreath of the Colours, a dexter hand, coupé above the wrist, vested in the Uniform of a British Naval Officer and grasping a Sword erect proper, pomel and hilt Or, surmounting a Dutch and a French flag in Saltire, on the former inscribed "Atalanta," on the latter "Piedmontaise," the blade of the Sword passing through a Wreath of Laurel near the Point, and, a little below, through another of Cypress, all also proper : and, on an Escroll under the Arms this Motto "Postera Laude Recens" :* the whole as in the margin hereof more plainly depicted: to be borne and used for ever hereafter by the Sons of the said late Nicholas Hardinge Esquire, namely George Hardinge Esquire, One of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, Attorney General to the Queen, and his Majesty's Justice for the Counties of Glamorgan, Brecon and Radnor, The Reverend Henry Hardinge (Father of the said late Captain George Nicholas Hardinge) Rector of Stanhope in the County Palatine of Durham, and Sir Richard Hardinge, Baronet, and by their respective male descendants, pursuant to the tenor of His Majesty's said Sign Manual and the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy, Kings of Arms, have to these Presents subscribed our Names and affixed the Seals of our several Offices this sixth day of January in the forty ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by

* The French flag taken on the occasion is now in the possession of Major H. A. P. Littledale, a kinsman of Lieut. William Dawson, R.N., who, on the death of Capt. Hardinge during the engagements off Ceylon, lasting for three days, took over the command of the *San Fiorenzo*, and eventually captured *La Piedmontaise*.—[ED.]

the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith &c. And in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and nine.

Isaac Heard	Principal King	George Harrison
Garter. (Seal)	of	Clarenceux (Seal)
	Arms.	King of Arms.
	Ralph Bigland Norroy (Seal)	
	King of Arms.	

Recorded in the College of Arms London and examined therewith this sixteenth day of January 1809. Ralph Bigland Norroy, Deputy Registrar.

GRANT OF SUPPORTERS, AUGMENTATION TO ARMS, AND GRANT OF CREST TO SIR PHILIP YORKE, BARON HARDWICKE OF HARDWICKE, CO. GLOUCESTER, BY JOHN ANSTIS, GARTER, DATED 29TH DEC., 1733.

[Add. MS. 36275a.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come John Anstis Esq^r Garter, Principal King of Arms, and Chief Officer of Arms of the most Noble Order of the Garter sendeth greeting; Whereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty taking into his Royal Consideration the great Merits and other eminent Qualifications of the Right honourable Sir Philip Yorke Knt^t Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, was graciously pleased by Letters Patent bearing date at Westminster the 23th day of November last, to create him a Peer of this Realm by the name Stile and Title of Lord hardwicke Baron of hardwicke in the County of Gloucester, To have and to hold the same to him and the heirs Males of his Body lawfully begotten, with all Rights and Privileges thereunto belonging. And it being a Right of the Peers of this Realm to have Supporters added to their Arms, as well for their greater honour, as to distinguish them from Persons of an inferior Rank. Now Know ye that I the said Garter by Vertue of my said office, together with the allowance and Consent of the Right honorable Francis earl of Effingham Deputy (with the Royal Approbation) to the most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshal and hereditary Marshal of England, signified to me by Warrant, under his hand and seal, bearing date the fifteenth day of this Instant December, have devised, and do by these Presents Grant and assign vnto the [said Right] honourable Philip Lord hardwicke the Supporters hereafter mentioned, Viz^t, *On the Dexter side a Lion Gardant Or, Collared Gules, Charged with a Bezzant And on the Sinister a Stag Proper attired and unguled Or, accolled in like manner*: To be born and used by him the said Philip Lord hardwicke and the heirs Males of his Body, having and enjoying the said honour and Dignity, And furthermore by the Authority aforesaid, I the said Garter by way of Augmentation, do by these Presents, assign and Grant unto his Lords[hip a] *Bezzant in the Center of the Arms heretofore born by Him* [& in lieu, of y^e old Crest, the following Viz^t *On a Wreath [of the Colours] a Lions head erased*

Proper, accolled in like manner with the Supporters, as the same Arms, Crest, and Supporters are in the margin hereof more lively depicted; The said Arms and Crest to be likewise born by the heirs and other Descendents of his Body lawfully begotten, with their due and respective Differences according to the ancient Usage and Custom of Arms, without the Lett or Interruption of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I the said Garter Principal King of Arms have to these Presents Subscribed my Name, and affixed the Seal of my Office the twenty ninth day of December, in the seventh year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq3 Dom. 1733.

[Written on vellum and sealed by Garter. No signature. The border is illuminated with the Arms, Crest and Supporters.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN HARRISON, SON OF WILLIAM HARRISON OF ALDCLIFFE, CO. LANCASTER, BY WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 10TH SEPT., 1616. [Add. MS. 38508, fo. 63.]

To all and singular Persons as well Nobles as others to whom theis presents shall come, Withm Segar Principall King of Armes sendeth his due comēdaçons and greeting Knowe yee that wheras auntiently from the begynnyng yt hath byn a custome in all Countryes and Comonwealthes well governed, that the bearing of certeyn signes in Sheilds (comonly called Armes) have byn and are the onlye marcks and demonstracions either of prowess and valour acquired in tymes of warr, or of good life, and civill conversacion in tymes of peace, diversly distributed, according to the Worthyness and deserts of the persons meritting the same. Among the which number I fynd John Harrison the sonne of William Harrison of Aldcliffe in the County of Lancaster to be one, whoe beareth for his Coate Armor *Ore upon a Cross Azure fyve Phaons of the feild*, And wanting further for an ornament unto his said coat of Armes (as dyvers very auncient Coates are found to want) a convenient Creast or Cognisance fitt to be borne Hath requested mee the said Garter to appoint hym suche a one, as hee maye lawfully beare withoute wrong-doing or preiudise to any person or persons whatsoever; which according to his due request I have accomplished and granted in manner and forme following, vizt. *On a Healmc forthe of a wreathe of his cullours, an Arme sleeved Azure, the drawing oute gould, the Cuffe silver, and the hand proper houlding a broken phaon dart headed ore*, as are depicted in the margent* with *maniles geules dabled argent*. All which armes and Creast I the said Garter doe by theis presents ratifye confirme and grant unto the said John Harrison and to his yssue for ever And that it shal be lawfull for hym and them to use beare and shewe forthe the same in Signett Sheild Ensigne Coate Armor or otherwise at his and their free libertye and pleasure In Witness whereof I the said Garter

* The arms and crest are beautifully painted in the margin of a skin (about 20 by 15 inches) of vellum, the colours being in nearly as good condition as on the day when they were done. The top border is illuminated. The Seal of office of Garter is missing.—[ED.]

have hereunto sett my hand and Seale of Office the tenth daye of September Año Domini: 1616 in the fourteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland, Defender of the faith etc. and of the Realme of Scotland the fiftith.

Willm Segar, Garter.

CERTIFICATE OF ARMS AND CREST OF THOMAS HARRY OF DENESCROW, CO. CORNWALL GENTLEMAN, BY THOMAS HAWLEY, CLARENCEUX, DATED 10TH MARCH, 1 EDW. VI (1547).

[Book of Grants in Heralds' Coll., marked 2 H.5, fo. 51.]

These be the Armes and Crest of Thomas Harry of the Towne of Denescrow in Cournewall gent. that is to saye *Silver and Sable unde p' fese three see hownds passant open mouthed entrechanged of the ffelde upon his helme on a Torse silver and sable a demi hownd of the Sec geulys cryd and ffynned golde langued geulys supporting betwene hys pawes a Corbeau maryn* in her ppop couler open becke and fynned golde manteled geules doubled silver as more plainly apperith depicted in this margent.† Gyven at London by Clarenceux the xth day of Marche in the ffirst yere of the Reygne of o^r Sovayne Lorde Edward the VIth by the grace of God Kyng of Englande ffrance and Irelande in earthe under Christ the supreme hedd.*

p moy Thomas Hawley aHj
Clarenceux Roy Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO CAPTAIN FRANCIS HASLAM BY (WILLIAM ROBERTS)‡ ULSTER KING OF ARMS, DATED 19TH MAY, 1647.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

Whereas, Captain Francis Haslam having served in Martiall employments in the Service of the French King in the Kingdom of France and after his said service commanded as Cornet and Lieutenant of Horse and Captain of Foote for the space of more than fower yeeres last past in the Kingdom of England and produced unto me very ample testimones of y^e dischargd of his duty and valour showne in the said services as hath very well suited with the qualitie of his said commands and being nowe sent into this Kingdome by the most honorable Houses of Parliament in England to serve His Mat^{le} against the Irish

* A "corbeau maryn" would seem to be a sea-raven, or cormorant.—[Ed.]

† A trick in the margin, and also in Harl. MS. 1079, fo. 39, where the grantee is described as of Rescrow, in Cornwall.—[Ed.]

‡ William Roberts was appointed Ulster King of Arms 15th April, 1643, his successor was appointed 1655 (Haydon's *Book of Dignitie*, 1890).—[Ed.]

Rebels as Cap^{tn} of Foote in the Regiment under the Command of Colonel Anthony Hungerford hath entred in my Office the ancient atchievement of his Ancestours w^{ch} I have recorded in obedience to ye Warrant directed unto mee by ye most honorable James Lord Marquis of Ormonde, Lord Lieuten^t Generall and Generall Governour of Ireland, as in such cases hath been accustomed and as by duty of my place I am obliged to do and being transplanted from his native country unto this Kingdom, least in future times through mistake or error any that descend from him may unduly or preposterously beare ye markes of honour by hereditary right belonging unto them according to the ancient and most laudable custome of such as have been most careful in ye due preservation of ye markes of honour appertayning to their name and families, desired mee to settle and confirme unto him and his posteritie for ever under the seale of my Office, the said atchievement of his Ancestors, differenced according to ye Lawe of Armes as he and they may henceforth lawfully without mistake or error beare the same. Wherefore the said Captain Francis Haslam being descended from a noble and most ancient familie of y^t Surname in ye County of Oxford in England whoe ancientlie bore the atchievement depicted in the Margent viz: *Argent, a crose azure betwixt fower hazell leaves slipped proper, the Crest on a helme & wreath of his colours, a hazell tree fouched, and a Lamb couchant, on a mount proper, his Motto [blank] mantled gules doubled argent.* I, the said Ulvaster King of Armes by the power and authoritie given me by our most gracious Sovereign Lord King Charles under ye greate seale of Ireland doe hereby ratify and Confirme the said atchievement unto ye said Capt. Francis Haslam and his posteritie for ever to be borne with their due differences according to the Lawe of Armes, In full and ample confirmation whereof I herunto subscribe my name & title & Office the seale of Myne office together with the seale of Myne owne Armes, the nineteenth day of May in the three and twentieth yeare of His Mat^{ies} Reign 1647.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM HAYWARD OF LITTLE
WENLOCK, CO. SALOP, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR JOHN BOROUGH,
GARTER, DATED 26TH JUNE, 1637.

[Add. MS. 14293, fo. 117.]

To all and Singular unto whom these presents shall come I John Borough Knight Garter Principall King of Armes of Englishmen send Greeting: Whereas William Hayward of Little Wenlock in the County of Salop Gentleman hath Requested me to declare and Assigne unto him such Arms as he may Lawfully beare And forasmuch as I am credibly enformed that the Said William Hayward is discended from ye comon Auncestors from whom Sr. Rowland Hayward sumtime Alderman of London dirived himself to the intent yt the said severall Famelies may not be confounded in and as touching their ensignes of Arms I have therefore thought fitt to Assigne unto ye said William Hayward the Armes and Ensignes following (vizt.) *Party per Cheucrone Gules & Azure A Lion Rampant Ermins Crowned Or Armed and Langued Gules* and for his Crest *on an*

Helmett and a Torce Argent & Gules Mantled Gules doubled Argent an Ebeck Ermine Attyred Or, As in the Margent more plainelie is depicted; Which Armes & Crest as above mentioned I the said John Borough do give Grant & Confirme to him the said William Hayward and to the heires of his Body Lawfully begotten to be by them & every one of them born according to ye Law of Armes for ever. In Witnesse whereof I haue unto thees presents Subscribed my Name and sett the Seale of myne Office dated the Sixe and twentieth day of June in the thirteenth year of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord Charles by the Grace of God of Great Britaine France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, &c. & in the Year of our Lord 1637.

John Borough Principall
King of Armes of Englishmen,
1637.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO HENRY HIGFORD OF BOXLEY,
IN THE COUNTY OF KENT, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR EDWARD
BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 10TH FEB., 1663.

[From original grant, MS. No. 514, in possession of the
Society of Antiquaries.]

To all and singular as well Nobles and Gentiles, as others to whome these presents shall come, S^r Edward Bysshe, K^t Clarenceux King of Armes, of the South, East and West parts of this Realme of England from the River of Trent Southwards Sendeth Greeting. Amongst the sundry monuments devised by our prudent Ancestors to comend the memory of deserving men to succeeding ages, it is observable that the chieftest and most usuall have been the bearing of markes or signes in sheilds comonly called Armes, both as evident demonstrations of their virtues, and rewards for the same; and that for their commendable service to their Prince and Country, in Warre or peace, they may in their life time receive due honour, and afterwards transmit the same to their successive posterity. In which respect whereas Henry Higford of Boxley in the County of Kent, gentleman, is descended from an antient family of the Higfords late of Henwood in the county of Warwick, by Nicholas his great grandfather, a younger son of that House, as by tradition and otherways doth seeme, being a person for his generall learning, exemplary loyalty to his late Mat^{te} King Charles the first of blessed memory and sufferings for the same, as also for his prudent deportment, and good conversation well deserving of his Prince and Country, meriteth to beare such markes and ensignes of honour, as may be proper and fit to distinguish him as well from any branch of that family as from y^e vulgar: I therefore the said Clarenceux have in consideration thereof, and for the better encouragement of others unto good and virtuous endeavors, by power of my office granted to me under the great Seal of England, at the instant request of him the said Henry, assigned given and confirmed and by these presents do assigne give and confirme unto him the said Henry these Arms following, viz^t *Azure, upon a Chereron or three mullets gules betwixt as many Buckes heads cabaged of the second*: and thereunto this Crest, viz^t

upon a wreath of his colours a Bucks head coupéd Argent and horned Or, as in the margent hereof is more plainly to be seen; So that he the said Henry and his Descendants may at all times and on all occasions use beare and shew forth the same in sheild, coat armour or otherwise with their due differences according to the Law of Armes and laudable custom of this Realme, without the impediment let or interruption of eny person or persons whatsoever. In witnesse whereof I the said Clarenceux have hereunto subscribed my name and put to the Seale of my Office the tenth day of February in the sixteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King, Defender of the Fayth &c. and in the yeare of our Lord mdclxiii.

Edward Bysshe Clarenceux
King of Armes.

[The original is on vellum with a coloured coat of arms and crest with mantling and a border of gold scroll. Seal of Clarenceux appended.—ED.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO JAMES HILL, COMMANDER OF CAVALRY (FROM CO. SUFFOLK), BY SIR WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 2ND SEPT., 16TH JAMES I (1618).

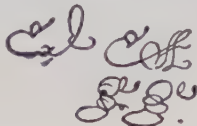
[MS. Ashm. 840, p. 415, in Ashmole's hand.]

Vniuersis et singulis cuiuscunque loci, status, gradus, ordinis ac condicionis ad quos presentes pervenerint, Guilielmus Segarus Eques auratus et principalis Rex Armorum Anglicorum, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum omnium omnino sit veritatem tueri, et ad eandem asserendam testimonium perhibere, tum mea inprimis interest qui Rex Armorum florentissimi Regni Angliæ sum iuratus, et regia autoritate ad hoc munitus, vt Genealogias virorum nobilium hujus Regni vnacum Armis siue Clypeis gentilitijs in Officio Armorum fideliter conservem, et de eisdem quoties rogatus fuerim attester. Ego itaque predictus Rex Armorum notum testatumque facio, et hoc presenti scripto declaro, quod Jacobus Hill Anglus, iam ex Almania, et alijs transmarinis partibus reversurus, natus erat ex antiqua, et nobili familia eiusdem nominis in Comitatu Suffolciæ in Anglia, prout in libris memorandum nobilium Anglicorum videre licet, et Arma istius portat, gallice sic describenda *D' Asur trois barres d' Argent, vn Griphe d'or, sergreateant sur tout, armée de gules: Et pour son Tymbre sur vn torce de se couleurs, vn bras, et main dextre armée, avançant vne Lance en charge rompu*: sicut latius in margine depinguntur. Qui quidem Jacobus Hill Præfectus Equitum, Pedetumque propter singularem, eximiamque eius scientiam, et experientiam, tam in rebus bellicis, quàm civilibus obeundis, gerendisque dexteritatem, ante aliquot annos in legationibus ad exteros Principes, Imperatores, et Reges missus, famam sibi, generique suo dignam acquisinit; Cum verò hoc mihi haud obscure pateat, testimonium eiusmodi hisce literis meis confirmandum opere pretium duxi. Quæ omnia Arma et Christam Ego prædictus Garterius principalis Rex Armorum Anglicorum confirmo prædicto illi

Jacobo, eiusque posteris, ad vtendum, gerendum, et ferendum in Clypeis, Vexillis, Armatura, sigillis, fenestris, ædificijs, monumentis, aut alia quacunque ratione, omnibus temporibus et locis singulis, prout sibi, et illis libitum et placitum fuerit, iuxta ius feciale. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto, manum meum proprium apposui, et sigillum officij mei affixi. Datum Londini in Officio Armorum secundo die Septembris, Anno regni Domini nostri Jacobi dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, regis fidei defensoris decimo sexto, Scotiæ verò Quinquagesimo tertio.

Guil: Segarus Garterius.

Examinatur E. A. [*i.e.* E. Ashmole]
S.S. [?]



GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO ROBERT HOLDEN OF HOCKRIDGE
IN CRANBROOK, CO. KENT, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR EDWARD
BYSSHE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 20TH MAY, 1663.

[From a MS., No. 508, in possession of the Society of
Antiquaries.]

To all and singular to whome these Presents shall come Sr Edward Bysshe Knt. Clarenceux principall Herald and King of Armes of all the South, East, and West parts of the Realme of England, from the River of Trent Southwards, sendeth greeting. And being desired by Robert Holden of Hockridge in Cranbrooke in the county of Kent, Gent., to assigne unto him such Armes and Crest as he may lawfully bear. Know ye therefore that I have thought fit to give unto him the Armes hereafter mentioned, that is to say: *Ermynes, on a Cheife Gules three Peares or.* And for his Crest *on a Helmett and Wreath of his Colours a Parretts head erased proper holding in his Bill a Peare or, mantled Gules, doubled argent*, as in the margent* is depicted. All which Armes and Crest I the said Clarenceux King of Armes by power and authority of my office to me granted under the Great Seale of England doe give and grant unto the said Robert Holden and to the several descendants of his Body lawfully begotten, observing their due differences, according to the Law of Armes, for ever. In Witnesse whereof I have unto these Presents fixed the Seale of my office and subscribed my name. Dated the twentieth day of May, Anno Domini 1663.

AUGMENTATION BY LETTERS PATENT TO GERVASE HOLLES OF
GRIMSBY, CO. LINCOLN, ESQ., FROM CHARLES II, DATED
4TH DEC., 1649. [MS. Ashm. 858, fo. 57.]

Carolus R.

Carolus Dei Gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie Rex Fidei Defensor
&c: Omnibus ad quos presentes litere nostre pervenerint Salutem. Cum ex parte

* No trick, copy of seal or signature.—[ED.]

dilecti et fidelis nostri Gervasij Holles de Grimsby Magnâ in Comitatu Lincolnie Armigeri accepimus Quod ipse Gervasivs sit filius et hæres Frecheville Holles Armigeri et Elizabethæ vxoris eius filiæ et hæredis Johannis Kingston de Grimsby Magnâ in Comitatu Lincoln Armigeri, qui quidem Frescheville Holles fuit filius et heres Gervasij Holles Militis et Francisse vxoris eius filiæ Petri Frescheville de Staueley in Comitatu Derby Armigeri, Et prædictus Gervasius fuit filius natu secundus Willelmi Holles Militis et Annæ vxoris eius vnus filiarum et cohæredum Johannis Denzell de Denzell in Com: Cornubie Servientis ad legem. Qui quidem Willielmus Holles per predictam Annam habuit Denzell Holles Armigerum filium et hæredem suum fratrem natu maiorem predicti Gervasij, et patrem charissimi consanguinei nostri Johannis nuper Comitem de Clare defunctum Cumque plures ex eodem illustrissimo stemmate Consanguinei per filios natu minores descendentes in Armorum suorum Scutis eadem hactenus Insignia gestaverint viz: *in Solo Scuti Erminei Duo pila nigra depicta (Anglice) in A Feild Erm[i]ne two piles Sable*, Atque Asterisci, aliaque discrimina in Scutis ea de causâ vulgò apposita in sobole tam numerosa non sufficiunt, Quo seperales Affinum et Agnatorum stirpes alterutro et mutuò inter se per eadem Insignia discernantur. Cumque predictus Gervasus Holles in nuperimis Parliamenti Comitij nascenti imprimis seditioni fortiter et diu restiterit, et postquam bellum Nefarium per rebelles excitatum fuit predictus Gervasius cum copijs suis bene instructis ad beatissimum Patrem nostrum continuo se contulerit, Et vt Tribunus Militum sive Colonellus in Excercitu dicti patris nostri Militaverit, et in notissimis contra Rebelles prælijs de Kenton, Banbury, Branford, Newmarke, Atherton, Bradford et Neubery strenue et fælicitèr demicaverit, et Castrum de Belvoir per Rebelles possessum cum patris nostri copijs quibus ipse prefuit expugnaverit; Et cum tandem Rebelles summa rerum in Angliâ poterentur ipse idem Gervasius Obsidionem illam Colchestriensem virtute et fortitudine Obsessorum celeberrimam perpessus est et tandem per diversas incarcerationes [*added in Ashmole's hand*] exhæreditationem, amissionem bonorum et plurima pericula in subsidium Nostrum denuò se iam contulerit. Sciatis igitur, Quod Nos omni Stirpium incertitudini in illustribus Familijs occurrere volentes. Et predictum Gervasium Holles ea favoris et benevolencie nostre Tessera insigniri cupientes, quâ spectata eiusdem virtus magis magisque innotescat, et posteris Memoria et Merita illius celebrentur. Ex plenitudine potestatis nostre Regie, ac ex certâ scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis, heredibus, et Successoribus nostris dedimus et concedimus prefato Gervasio Holles et heredibus suis imperpetuum. Quod ipsi et eorum descendentes imposterum gestare possint et valeant imperpetuum pro Armis et Insignibus Familie sue, *In Solo Scuti Aurei duo pila rubricata (Anglice) two Piles Gules in a Field Or*, Provt in Margine presentium vivis coloribus depinguntur, Sub quibus quidem Insignibus in vexillis cohortis sue ijsdem coloribus depictis predictus Gervasius in Exercitibus precharissimi Patris nostri tam strenue militaverit. Et vltimus dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefato Gervasio Holles et heredibus suis, Quod ipsi et eorum descendentes Arma et Insignia predicta sic vt prefertur descripta cum

omnibus alijs Antecessorum suorum Insignibus quaternatim, vel aliter insculptis secundum leges et consuetudines Anglie Fæciales in eâ parte vsitatas in posterum gestare possint et valeant, absque impedimento nostri heredum vel Successorum nostrorum, vel aliorum Officiariorum vel Ministrorum nostrorum quorum cunque. Mandamus etiam tenore presencium omnibus et Singulis Armorum Regibus, Heraldis, et Fæcialibus nostris quibuscunque Quod de tempore in tempus describent et explicent vel describi et explici faciant (Anglice y^t they Blazon or cause to be blazoned) Arma sive insignia predicti Gervasij Holles, et omnium aliorum de Stirpe suâ oriundorum, secundum tenorem et effectum harum nostrarum literarum patentium In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste Me ipso apud Castrum Elizabeth in Insula nostra Jersey Quarto die Mensis Decembris Anno domini Millesimo, Sexcentesimo quadragesimo Nono. Annoque Regni nostri primo.

Per ipsum Regem manu suâ propriâ.

[*In Ashmole's hand.*] Irrotulatur in Curia Cancellaria Domini Caroli secundi Regis Anglie &c. in Rotulis de anno primo dicti domini Regis.

per Richardum* Blanchard.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM HOLLIDAY OF LONDON,
BY JOHN BURROUGH, NORROY, DATED 13TH FEB., 1623.

[MS. Ashm. 857, fo. 502.]

A Patent vnduly given by Mr Burrow Norroy who hath abused the King's graunt in affirming that he had power from the King to give Armes in the Province of Clarencieux where his Patent doth limitt only beyond Trent, and also the Earle Marshall in procuring his Consent thereto, abused.

[*Errors copied as written in the MS.—ED.*]

Vniuersis et Singulis Christi fidelibus presentes Litteras inspecturis aut audituris Johannes Burrough alias Norroy Rex Armorum partium Borealiū Angliæ Salutem cum debita observantia Cum non solum ex divulgata fama, verum etiam ex plurimis probitatis vitæ et morum editis exemplis liquido constat Guilielmum Holliday in Celeberrima Civitate London tam longa elapsa temporis serie claruisse adeo vt ad præclara reipublica numera (mun *added in margin, in pencil, by later hand*) sustinenda vna cum ampla facultatum et proventuum addicione merito propectus sit ipsumque cum nobilibus quibusdam hujus Regni Angliæ familiis affinitatem contraxisse pro [comperto in Harl. 1507, fo. 389] habeatur. Ego predictus Norroy Rex Armorum habita præmissorum debita consideratione, autoritate ex serenissimo et potentissimo Domini nostri Jacobi Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regis per Litteras suas Patentes mihi concessa, et cum consensu præclarissimi et honoratissimi Domini Thomæ Comitis Arundellæ et Surrie Comitis Mareschalli prius in hac re, provt decet obtenta, dedi, assignavi et confirmavi prædicto Wilhelmo Holliday vnum scutum cum Insignis honoris sicut in margine depictum existit et veluti

* Noble, in his *College of Arms* (p. 294), says Charles II had a Poursuivant Extraordinary who bore the title of "Blanch-Rose," but that he had never seen his baptismal or surname. —[ED.]

galice hic declaratur Cest assavoir *de sable a troys helmes d'argent la Bordure de mesme, et le timbre sur le Heaulme vne demy Lion rampant d'or arme et langue de Gules supportan vne Ancori de propre a vne Torce d'argent et sable e manteble de Gules double argent* habendum et tenendum eidem Gulielmo Holliday, et ad omnes de suo corpore procreatos descendere sint ornati ad eorum honorem in perpetuum salvo tamen cuicunque jure suo qui ad prædictum Scutum et insignis Honoris justo aliquo titulo poterit pretendere. In cujus rei testimonium Ego predictus Norry Rex Armorum his presentibus literis nomen propriâ Manu subscripsi et Sigillum Officij mei ad Arma apposui. Datum Londini decimo tertio die mensis Februarij anno a Christo nato Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo tertio, et Anno Regni serenissimi Regis Jacobi Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Vicesimo primo, et Scotiæ Quinquagesimo septimo.

Johannes Burrough
Norroy.

GRANT OF A CREST TO HUGH HOLYNSIDE ALIAS HOLLYNSHED OF BOSLEY, CO. CHESTER, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 1st JULY, 2 ELIZ. (1560).

[From original in Add. Ch. 46907.]

To all nobles and Jentills these þnte Ires Redyng heryng or seyng S Gilbert Dethik als Garter knight principall Kyng of armes sendith dew and humble commendacion and greting Equite willeth and Reason ordeyneth that men vertuous and of noble courage be by their merytes and good Renowme rewarded not alonly their psons in this mortall lyfe so brief and transitory but also after them those that shalbe of their bodies desendid to be in all placys of honor admitted nombred and taken in the number and companye of other nobles and Jentills by certeyne enseignes and demonstrancys of honor and nobles that is to saye blason healme and tymber And therfore I the said Garter principall Kyng of armes as aforesaide not alonly by the comen Renowme but also by the reporte and wittnes of dyuers worthy to be taken of worde and credence am plainlye aduertised and enformed that Hugh Holynsyde als Hollynshed of Bosley in the County of Chester Lord of the Manor of Heyton in the Countie of Staff. Gentillman is desendid of an ancient howse of long tyme beryng armes as appereth in the Recordes, Neuertheles he beyng vncerteyne vnder what sorte & maner his predecessors bare their Crest and Tymber not willing to do anye thing that shuld be preiudiciall to anye gentillman of name and of armes hath desyered me the saide Garter principall kyng of armes to ordeyne assigne and set furth to his saide armes a Crest dewe and lefall to be borne I therfore seyng his Request to be both iuste and resonable by thauctoritie and power annexed attributed geuen and graunted to me and to my office of Garter principall Kyng of armes by expresse wordes vnder the most noble great seale haue ordeyned and assigned to the saide Hugh Holynsyde als Hollynshed gentillman and to his posteritie the Crest and tymber in maner as hereafter foloweth That is to saye *vpon a healme on a Torse siluer and sable a Bonacons hedd Rayse geules horned & mayned about his nek a Crown all golde manteled geules dobled siluer, as more*

plainly appereth depicted in this margent* To haue and to holde to the saide Hugh Hollynsyde gentillman and to his posteritie and they his to vse and enioye for euermore In wittnes wherof I the saide Garter principall Kyng of armes haue signed these p̄ntes with my hande and sette therunto the seale of myne armes with the seale of my office of Garter principall Kyng of armes Yeuen and graunted at London the first daye of Julye in the second yere of the Reigne of our Sovereyne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God quene of Englande ffraunce and Irelande defendor of the faithe etc.

p me Gilbert Dethik als
garter principall King of
armes.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO WILLIAM HUNNYS OF CO. MIDDLESEX, GENTLEMAN, BY [SIR GILBERT DETHICK], GARTER; [ROBERT COOKE], CLARENCEUX; AND [WILLIAM FLOWER], NORROY; DATED 14TH FEB., 1568.

[MS. Ashm. 844 II, fo. 6.]

New Armes and Creast for Hunnys.

And wheras we the sayd kynges of Armes ar. credibly informyd by dyuers honest and discreete psonnaig[e]s that Wiłm Hunnys of the county of Middelsex gentleman of the quenes Maties chappell and M̄r of her highnes children in the same bath of longe tyme vsed him self so vertuously and discreetely that he well deseruith and merytith to be in all places of hono^r admittyd reputyd and taken in the nomber and company of other gentils. In cōsyderacion wherof and for a further declaration of the worthynes of the sayd Wiłm Hunnys and at his instant request we the sayd Kinges of Armes by power and authoryte to vs cōmittyd by letters patentes vnd^r the greate seale of England, as also wth the assent and consent of the high and mighty prince Thomas Duke of Norffolk Erle mareschall of England haue assigned gyven and grauntyd vnto the sayd Wiłm Hunnys these Armes and Creast followinge, that is to say: *The filde bendy of six pieces gold and asure over all an vnycorne ascendant vert horne mane and hoefes argent upon a heaulme on a torce of his colers an Vnycornes hedde bendy of foure gold and asure betweene too braunches of honysucks in proper couler, Mantelyd gules doublyd argent.* As more playnly may appeere depicthyd in this

* MS. Ashm. 858, p. 148, has an extract from the above grant with a trick of the crest and these arms, viz.: *Argent, a cross sable, a canton ermines.* The original grant in the British Museum has an illuminated margin, arms and crest, with signature, and effigy of Garter. Seal missing.

Bossewell, in *Workes of Armorie* (1572), writes of a Bonacon (? Bouacon) thus: "The fælde is of y^e Diamond a Bonaze perle, unguled topaze. *Bonasus* is a Beaste in fourme like a Bull, but broader and shorter; and hathe a mayne like an horse downe to the shoulders, but the heare is softer and commeth downe to his eies. The heare of his bodye is like a bright sorrel, his mayne is darker colored. The fleshe of hym is pleasaunte in eatynge, and therefore hee is muche hunted."

For another instance of a Bonacon's head as a crest, see the Grant by Sir G. Dethick in Harl. MS. 1359, fo. 70, on 22nd June, 2 Eliz., 1560 (that is, eight days before his grant to Hugh Holynside), to Richard Candelor (or Candler: Harl. MS. 5887, fo. 52), of Walsingham, co. Norfolk.—[Ed.]

margent.* Which Armes and Creast and every part and parcell therof we the sayd Garter Clarenciulx and Norroy Kinges of Armes do by these presentes ratefy, confyrme, gyve and graunt vnto the sayd Wllm Hunnys and to his posteritye for ever, and he the same Armes and creast to vse beare and shew at all tymes and for ever heerafter at his liberty and pleasure, without the impedymment lett or interruption of any pson or psons. In wittness wherof etc. Datyd the 14 of February 1568.

GRANT OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS HUTTON OF DRY-
DRAYTON, CO. CAMBRIDGE, GENTLEMAN, BY SIR THOMAS
WRIOTHESLEY, GARTER, AND THOMAS BENOLT, CLAREN-
CEUX, DATED 16TH NOV., 1528. [*Original in French.*]

[Harl. MS. 1172, fo. 4b.]

To all those present and future who shall see or hear these present letters Sir Thomas Wriothesley Garter Knight principal King of Arms of the English and Thomas Benolt otherwise called Clarenceux King of Arms of the parts of the south in this realm of England, Greeting, with humble commendation. Equity wills and reason ordains that men virtuous and of noble courage be rewarded for their merits and good renown and that not only their persons in this mortal life so brief and transitory but after them those who shall issue of their bodies procreated, be [noted] in all places perpetually with other persons of renown by certain signs and shows of honour and of nobility That is to say of blazon helmet and crest in order that by their example others may the more perseveringly endeavour to spend their days in feats of arms and virtuous works in order to acquire the renown of ancient nobility in their line and posterity And therefore we Sir Garter principal King of Arms of the English and Clarenceux King of Arms of the parts of the south aforesaid who not only by common renown but also by the report and testimony of many noble men worthy of credence are truly advertised and informed that Thomas Hutton of Drydrayton in the county of Cambridge gentleman has long pursued feats of virtue, and as well in this as in other of his affairs has borne himself virtuously and conducted himself honorably so that he has deserved well and is worthy that henceforth for ever he and his posterity be in all honorable places admitted renowned counted numbered and received in the number and in the company of other ancient gentle and noble men. And for the remembrance of that his good renown by virtue of the authority and power annexed and attributed to our office of Kings of Arms, we have devised ordained and assigned to the said Thomas Hutton for him and his said posterity with their due difference the blazon helmet and crest in the manner following That is to say *d'argent a trois hurtes sur chacun hurt vng faulcon close du champ, a vn chief de vert sur le chief*

* A trick in the MS. shows the arms and crest as blazoned, but opposite such trick there is written, "this is all altered," and below, "these be the new armes seeke whether it be a cheveron or a fec betwene the 3 bee hyves," with another trick showing *azure a fess ermine between three beehives or*, and a crest, *on a wreath of the colours a man's head coupéd proper pierced by a pheon or, headed and feathered argent.*—[ED.]

vne aigle desploie d'or, becquee membré de pourpre, a vne bordure engrailee de gueules, a son tymbre la teste d'une Austriche de Sable et d'argent p'ti per pale entre deux elles goutes entrecchangees, becques et les oreilles de gueules, tenant en sondit [sic] becque vne raison d'or, assis sur vne torsse d'or et d'asur, mantellé de gueules, double d'argent, as the picture in the margin above shows it, to have and to hold for him and his said posterity and for them to use for ever. In witness whereof we Sir Garter principal King of Arms of the English and Clarencieux King of Arms of the parts aforesaid have signed these presents with our hands and sealed with the seals of our arms, made and given at London the 16th day of November in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ one thousand five hundred and twenty eight, and in the 20th year of the reign of King Henry the eighth our most redoubtable and sovereign lord.

[At the foot of the MS. there are copies of the personal marks of Garter and Clarenceux, for which see *Miscell. Gen. et Her.*, 2nd Series, ii, 200, and *ibid.*, 4th Series, v, 123.—Ed.]

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF A CREST TO JOHN HYLL,
OR DEL HULL, OF LITTLE PYPE, CO. STAFFORD, GENTLEMAN,
BY SIR GILBERT DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 12TH MAY, 1560.

[MS. Ashm. 858, fo. 116.]

To all and singuler aswell Nobles and Gentlemen as others to whome theis presentes shall come I Gilbert Dethick K^t alias Garter principall King of Armes send greeting. Forasmuch as aunciently from the begining the valiant and verteous actes of excellent persons etc: vsque — according to the qualities of each partie demeriting the same. And whereas therefore John Hyll alias del Hull of little Pype in the County of Stafford gent: being of longe one of the Bearers of theas auncient Armes vizt: *Azure a Cheueron betweene three Floure de Lucas, and a Canton Or*, as more plainly in this Margent depicted appereth, and yet knowing certaine of noe Crest duely apperteyning thearvntoo hath requested me the said Garter to assyne vnto his said auncient Coate Armour such Crest, as he may lawfully beare In consideracion whereof, and for a further declaracion of the worthyness of the said John, I the said Garter haue given and granted vnto him this Crest or Cognizance following *On a Wreath Or and Azure, A lyon rampant Argent, wounded with a broken Launce, proper and Armed and langued Gules, Mantled Argent doubled Gules.* Which said Armes and Crest and euery parte and parcell thereof I the said Garter do ratifie confirme and allow vnto the said John Hyll and to his posterity for ever: and he and they to haue hold vse beare and enjoy the same wthout the lett impediment or interrupcion of any other person or persons wt soeuer In wittnes whereof I haue signed theas presentes with myne hand, and set therevnto the Seales of my Office and Armes Dated the 12th of May in the 2^d. yeare of the Raigne of o^r most gracious Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queene Defender of the faith etc: Anno Domini 1560.

per me G: Dethick alias Garter
principall King of Armes.

(All in Ashmole's hand.)

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND CREST TO THOMAS JACOB OF
WOOTTON-BASSETT, CO. WILTS., GENTLEMAN, BY SIR
RICHARD ST. GEORGE, CLARENCEUX, DATED 24TH JUNE,
1633.

[Harls. MS. 1470, fo. 155.]

To all and singuler as well nobles as Gentlemen to whom theis p^rsents shall come: Richard St. George Knight Clarenceux King of Armes of all the South East & West parts of the Realme of England from the Riuer of Trent sendeth greeting in our Lord God euerlasting. Know yee that auntiently from the beginning it hath beene a Custome & to this day is continued that all estates & degrees are knowne each from other by sundry Markes and signes called Armes wherby they might be distinguished from the Vulgar sorte, and demonstrate the worthynes which the bearers therof had atcheiued either by their Valour in the feild in tymes of warr or by their Vertuous endeauours in the Comon wealth in tymes of Peace, which order was in the beginning most prudently deuised to stirr up & inflame the hearts of Men to the Imitation of Vertue and Noblenes, euen so it hath beene, and to this day is obserued, to the end that such as haue done comendable seruice to their Prince or Contrey either in warr or Peace might receaue due honour in their Liues and also deriue the same successiue to their posterity after their deaths for euer. And being required by Thomas Jacob of Wootton-Bassett in the County of Wilts. gent, to signifie vnto him what Armes hee may Lawfully beare. (And haueing receaued sufficient testimony from honorable personages of his worth and Meritt.) Therefore I doe publish and declare that he may beare theise Armes & Crest following that is to saye *Or, on a Canton Sables a Tygers head erased of the second* [sic, but ? of the first—ED.] *Langued gules.* And for his Crest *on a Helme & wreath of his Coullers a Tyger Sables armed & Langued gules supporting a sheilde Or, mantled gules doubled Argent* as in the margent hereof more playnely are depicted, [*space for arms but no trick.*—ED.] All which Armes and Crest I the said Clarenceux King of Armes, by power and authority to mee Comitted vnder the greate seale of England, doe by theise p^rsents, giue and graunt ratifie & confirme vnto and for the said Thomas Jacob, and to his issue and posterity for euer, obserueing their due differences. And they the same to enioy, vse beare, and sett forth in Ensigne, sheild, Penon, Coate Armor, Seale, or otherwayes, at their free Liberty and pleasure for euermore. In witness wherof I haue herevnto sett my hand, and fixed the seale of myne office this fower & twentieth daye of June An^o Dmi: 1633. And in the Ninth yeare of the Reigne of our Souereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of great Brittain, France & Ireland defender of the faith &c:

Coppied by the Originall Patent
and examined by vs 22 Jan. 1649

Ri: St. George Clarenceux
King of Armes.

Nevill Maskelyne
John Withy.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO SIMON JASSON OF BURTON-UPON-TRENT, CO. STAFF., GENTLEMAN, BY RICHARD ST. GEORGE, NORROY, DATED 6TH NOV., 1610. . . [MS. Ashm. 858, fo. 118.]

To all and singular etc: I Richard S^t George Esq^r Norroy King of Armes of the North parte of this Realme of England from beyond the Riuer of trent Northward send greeting in o^r Lord God everlasting Forasmuch as aunciently from the beginning the verteous Actes of excellent persons etc: vt supravsq^e—accord^s to the qualities of the persons demeriting the same—et tunc—Wch Order as it was most prudently devised in the begining to stir and kindle the heartes of men to the imitacion of vertue and nobleness, even so hath the same been and yet is continually observed. To the end that such as haue done comendable service to their Prince or Country either in warr or in peace may both rec: due honor in their lives and also derive the same successively to their posterity for euer And whereas therefore Simon Jasson (son and heire of Sebastian Jasson) of Burton upon Trent in the County of Stafford Gentleman hath aunciently borne for his Coate armour these Armes ensuing that is to say *Argent a Lyon Rampant azure on a cheife of the second 3 Besants* & for that I finde no Creast or Cognizance to the same Armes belonging as to many auncient armes there is none at all I the said Norroy King of Armes considering the worthines of the said Simon have assigned and appointed vnto him this Crest or Cognizance hereafter following That is to say *Vpon a hearme On a wreath argent and azure a demy Eagle Azure the wings displayed gold, mantled Gules doubled argent* as more plainly appereth depicted in the Margent hereof All w^{ch} Armes and Creast and euery parte and parcell thereof I the s^d Norroy King of Armes doe ratifie etc: In wittnes etc:

Dated the 6: of Nov: 8 Jac: Regis. An^o Domini 1610.

Ri: S^t George Norroy
King of Armes.

(All in Ashmole's hand.)

CERTIFICATE OF ALTERATION OF OLD COAT AND CREST OF THOMAS JEKYLL OF BOCKING, CO. ESSEX, BY SIR WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 6TH FEB., 1627.

[Add. MS. 12225, fo. 62b.]

E[nglish]. *O. a fess between 3 hinds passant S.*

L[atin]. *In campo aureo taniam transversam nigram tres inter hinnulos eiusdem coloris gradientes interpositam.*

F[rench]. *D'or a la fasce de Sable acompagnee de trois biches passantes de meme.*

To Thomas Jekyll of Bocking in Co^m Essex & of Cliffords Inn Attorⁿ, Cheif Clark of ye Paper Office of ye Kings bench. A Lover of Arms Antiquities & y^e Mathematical Sciences, son & heir of John Stocker Jekyll late of Newington

in Com̃ Middx. Geñ & of Mary his wife daughter & heir of Nicholas Barnhouse late of Wellington in Com̃ Somers' Esq. w^{ch} John Stocker J—— was son & heir of Bartholomew J—— of Newington aforesd̃ Esq. son & heir of William J—— of y^e same place Gent.

Alteration of y^e old Coat & Crest vizt. *per fess A.O., a fess nebulee G. between 3 hinds trippant S. & Crest vizt On a wreath an horses head paly unde A. & S. bridled O. to y^e Coat aboves^d, quartering 2^d Losengy S. & A. a cheif per fess indented one in y^e other O. & S., 3^d O. two wings inverted & conjoyned tipps downward G. a crescent difference. 4th A. semi de Cross crosets 3 boars heads G. & Crest vizt. Out of wreath an horses head A. mained & bridled Sable w^{ch} is studded & tasselled O. mantled G. doubled A.*

Febr. 6 Anno Regni Car, 3. Anno Dom̃ 1627.

2. Stocker.

3. Barnehouse.

4. Brilixton.

Guillim (6th ed.) gives the old coat as *or, a ess between three hinds trippant, sable*, and adds: "his arms were, though almost the same, altered to those above shewed, purely through his dislike of the Armoury, as the Patent itself mentions."—[ED.]

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO EDWARD
JEWKES OF TWICKENHAM, CO. MIDDLESEX, ESQ., BY
WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED, 1593.

[MS. in possession of Harleian Society.]

To All and Singular noble and gentilmen of what estate dignity and degrees bearing Arms to whom these pts shall com Willm̃ Dethick, Garter, Principall King of Arms, his salutations and greetings Know ye that by the annequient custom of my office ffr̃ the Queenes most ex̃t Māti and her hignes most Royale & Vertuouys progenitors & by the authority thereof under the Great Seale of England I am to take geñall notice and to make publique declarations and testimonies for all matters of Arms, Pedigrees & descents of Nobles & geñt and for all causes of honor & chevalry through all Her Mātes Kingdoms & Domynons, Pryncipalities, Isles, Provinces, and when the remembrances of many valeant acts together with the names & arms of sundry worthy gent'men in this age as in times past have been and are subject to oblivion Wherefore being solicited & credibly informed I have thought good in what may appteyne to my office by these p̃ts to signefye and declare that Edward Jewkes of Twickenham in the County of Midd̃ Esquire, Sergeant of the Bakehouse [the Bath, Stowe 676, fo. 105—ED.] within the Queens Māts her princelie palauce and for that to the said office and Sergancie thereof there hath been and are annexed very worthy and valeant services p̃ryleges & minites and p'ticularly for that in times of Warres he shall be Standart bearer for the band and Tynell of the Kyngs Mātes most Royal household And in fact knowing the said Edward Jewkes Esquire was

conted and appoynted to exercise the same office and Sergancie and furnished himself with horses and Armou's and other appurtenances to serve and execute his said office in the time of the late dangerous attempt of the Spanish Armada called Invincible Navie vanquished and vanished by her most happy forces uppon the confynes & costs of England an^o 1588 and also other his good & diligent s'vices in that place & honour of Serganteie now these xv yerres in consideration of the promisses and for diverse good respects & for the worthiness of his deeds I have that good to Blaze & exemplefie his shele & arms quartered cotes of Arms with a Crest or cognizance & achievements appropriate to the same in manner and form following—The first & fourth, *Azure three faulcons' heads crased argent*: The second, *Silver, three bugles with balderikes sable purfled gold*: The third, *Sable, three pheons (called broad arrow heads) argent*: and for his Crest or cognizance, *The arm of a man armed with gauntlet sable, garnished gold, supporting a Launce erect proper with a large Standert thereon displayed p'te of white & black silke embroidered with the ancient devyse of the Blessed Trynite fixed upon a helmet of stele on a wreath of his colours, with mantells & tassels & other achievements* as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margin hereof, to have and to hold and carry the same Arms Crest & cognizance & every p't & p'cell thereof in mañr aforesaid unto the said Edward Jewkes Esquire & to his children yssue & posterite for ever in all mañr of civil uses or exercises according to the laws of Arms & customes that to the same apperteyneth. In witness for þp'etual Remembrance I have to the patents subscribed my name & fastened the seal of my office endorsed with the signet of my Arms. An^o 1593.

GRANT OF ARMS TO RICHARD JOHNS OF HELSTONE, CO. CORNWALL, BY THOMAS BROWNE, GARTER, AND RALPH BIGLAND, CLARENCEUX, DATED 28TH NOV., 1775.

[Coll. of Heraldry, Grants Book xiii, p. 141.]

To all and Singular to whom these Presents shall come Thomas Browne, Esquire, Garter Principal King of Arms, and Ralph Bigland Esquire Clarenceux King of Arms of the South East and West parts of England from the River Trent southwards send Greeting. Whereas Richard Johns of Helstone in the County of Cornwall Esquire hath represented to the Right Honorable Richard Earl of Scarborough, Deputy with the Royal approbation to the Most Noble Edward Duke of Norfolk, Earl marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, that he hath used for his Arms *Ermine a Cheveron engrailed Gules between three Castles*, and for his Crest *a Centaur*, but as the same appear not on record in the Heraldry College, and being unwilling to continue the use of them without unquestionable authority, he requested the favour of His Lordship's Warrant for our granting and confirming to him such Arms and Crest as are proper to be borne by him and his descendants. And forasmuch as His Lordship did by Warrant bearing date the 23rd day of September last authorize and direct us to grant and

assign such Armorial Ensigns accordingly. Know Ye therefore that we the said Garter and Clarenceux in pursuance of His Lordship's Warrant and by virtue of the Letters Patent of Our several Offices to each of Us respectively granted Do by these Presents grant and confirm unto the said Richard Johns, Esquire the Arms following that is to say: *Ermine a Cheveron engrailed Gules between three Castles Azure*, and for his Crest *on a Wreath Argent and Gules a Centaur regardant in full speed, the human part proper, discharging from a Bow Sable Stringed Azure an Arrow Or barbed and flighted Argent: the Animal part a bay colour hoofed Gold, charged on the body with an Estoile of the last*, as the same are in the margin more plainly depicted. To be borne by the said Richard Johns Esquire and his descendants according to the Laws of Arms. In Witness whereof We the said Garter and Clarenceux have to these Presents subscribed Our Names and affixed the Seals of our several Offices the twenty eighth day of November in the sixteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith etc. and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy-five.

Thomas Browne—Garter:
Principal King of Arms.

Ralph Bigland—Clarenceux
King of Arms.

GRANT OF A CREST TO WILLIAM AND CHARLES JOHNSON OF
WILLINGDALE DOE, CO. ESSEX, GENTLEMEN, BY ROBERT
COOK, CLARENCEUX, DATED 20TH MAY, 1577.

[Add. MS. 5524, fo. 208.]

To all nobles & gentels these present letters reading or seinge, Robert Cooke Esquir^r ats Clarenciaulx principall herault and King of Armes of the Southe East and Weste partes of this Realme of Englande from the Riuer of trent, Southwards sendeth due Comendatyons and Gretinge Equitie willeth and Reasone ordeyneth that men vertuouse & of noble Corrage be by ther merits & good reanowne rewarded, not onlye ther persons in this mortall life so breef & transetory, but also after those that shalbe of their bodies descendid, to be in all places of Honor with other Renowned accepted and taken by Certeyn Ensignes and demonstrations of honour & nobles that is to saye Blason helme and tymber to thende that by there ensamples others then maye enforce them selues to vse there daies in feates of armes & workes vertuous to gett the renown of auncient nobles in their lignes and posterities: and wheras William Johnson & Charles his brother sonnes of William Johnson of Willinghaldoe in the Countye of Essex Gent. descended of a howse long tyme bearing Armes: and they being vncerteyn vnder what maner and forme there Auncesters beare ther creste hath Required me the said Clarenciaulx to assigne vnto these his aunciente armes a crest dewe and lawfull to be borne in Consideration whereof I the saide Clarenciaulx haue deuised giuen and granted vnto the said William and Charles

Johnson Gent and to there posteritie a Crest to be borne with ther dew difference in maner as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, *vpon his healmc on a torse argente and Gules a Grahownds head Raseced verte, Coller and terret d'or mantled Gules doubled argent* as more playnlye apereth depickted in the margent.* To haue & to hould the said Crest to the aforesaid Willm. Johnson and Charles his brother gentlemen and to their posteritie And they yt to vse & enioy for eu^more. In witnes wherof I the said Clarenceux Kinge of Armes haue signed theis pñtes wth my hand & sett therunto the seale of my office dated at London the xxth day of May in the xixth yeare of the Reigne of our Sou^eaigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England ffirance and Ireland defendo^r of the ffaith &c. And in the yeare of our lord god 1577.

Robert Cooke alias
Clarenciaux King
of Armes.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF ARMS (WITH CONSENT OF GILBERT, EARL OF SHREWSBURY, WHO BORE THE SAME ARMS) AND GRANT OF CREST TO WALTER JONES OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER, ESQ., BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, DATED 45 ELIZ.

[Add. MS. 5524, fo. 206.]

To all and singuler noblemen & gent of what Estate dignytye or degree Bering armes, William Dethick Garter principall King of armes Greeting: wheras the worshipfull Mr Walter Jones Esquier Borne at Wittneye in the Co: Oxenford, now of the Citty of Worscester sonne & heir of Henry Jones of Wittney aforesaid Esquier the sonne of John Jones 2 sonne of John Jones of Greysmond in the County of Monmoth Esquier Bereth this sheild or Coate of Armes *Gules a Lyon rampant armed and langued azure within a border indented or* with differences as may apeare, and being descended from diuers ayntient families and kindreds. Bereth and quartre [*margin torn.—ED.*] diuers sundry coates of armes, viz. Pewez an Vaughan of Toleglas, Glamboy, and Barrey &c. as appereth by his pettegree and discent maid and colected out of sundrey Euidences By Thomas Jones of Tregaron a Gent. industr^s & Scienced in the antiquities and genealoges of the wor^{ld} Gent in hir Maties principaliti of Wales. and for that the testimonies & Records of all matches & matters of Armes and Pedigrees honor and chivalry pertain to my office principall King of Armes. I haue thought good to aquant the right honorable Gilbert Earle of Shrewesbury in this behalfe who bereth the like blazan: viz. *A Lyon rampant within a border in graled or*: and by his lordships Consent to Exemplifie the same, and also to marshall within the same and In Schuchion of pretence for Elinor his wife daughter of [*blank in MS.*] quarter the armes of Henry Jones there sonn & heire with a lambaix and finally for that there hath bin no antient creast or Cognisance

* A rough trick of arms and crest, viz. *argent, a chevron sable between three lions' heads erased gules, a bordure of the last.* Crest as in grant.—[ED.]

apropriat to his p^rdecessers I haue thought good to devise give and grant and by thes p^rsents confirme and exemplifie viz. *a demy lion rampant or, armed and langued azure houlding a mollett Gules. Sett in a wreath of his colors fixed vpon a helmett with mantels and tasells* as more plainly apereth depicted in this margent,* to haue & to hold vse and Inioy the said armes Crest and Cognisance to the said Walter Jones Esquier and to his Children Issue and posteritie for euer to sett forth and shew the same in all lawfull warlike fectes [?] and ciuell vse or Exercises according to the law of armes and customes that to Gentrey apertaineth In Wittness whereof I haue hearevnto subscribed my name and fastned the seale of my offyce and indorsced wth the signet of my armes, giuen at the office of Armes London the 45 yeare of the Raigne of ou^r Soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England &c.

Et Eumanis salutis.

William Dethick Garter
principall King of Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO WILLIAM JONES OF HOLT, CO. DENBIGH, ESQ., BY RICHARD ST. GEORGE, NORROY, DATED 21ST [16TH in Add. MSS. 14295, fo. 78*b*, and 12225, fo. 64] JUNE, 1607.

[Add. MSS. 14293, fo. 121.]

To all and singular as well nobles and Gentlemen, as others to whom these Presents shall come I Richard Saynt George Esqr., alias Norroy King of arms from beyond Trent northward, send Greeting forasmuch as aunciently from the beginning the vertuous acts of worthie Persons have been commended to the world and Posteritie with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts among which the cheifest and most usuall hath been the bearing of signs in Shields calld Armes which are evident demonstrations and tokens of Prowesse and valour diversly distributed according to the Qualities of the Parties meriting the same And whereas therefore William Jones son of Thomas Jones son of William Jones son of Richard Jones of Holt in the Countie of Denbigh in North Wales, Esqr., having been one of the bearers of these arms Videlicet *argent a Lyon rampant Vert embrued Gyeules* & Knowinge noe Creaste Appertaininge theiunto hathe Requested me y^e said Norroy King of Arms to assignn him such Creast as he may lawfully bear in Consideration wherof and for further declaracion of the worthiness of the said William Jones I the said Norroy have given and granted him this Creast or Cognisance following To wit *on a wreath of his Colours a Sun the Beams incens'd or,†* which said Creast with every Part and Parcell therof I the said Norroy King of Arms do ratifie, confirm, and allow unto the said William Jones and to his posteritie for ever To have hold use bear and enjoy without Let Impediment or interruption of any other Person or

* A trick of arms and crest.—[ED.]

† Trick of arms and crest in margin.—[ED.]

Persons whatsoever I[n] witness wherof I have sighnd these Presents with my hand and set to the seal of my Office Dated the 21st of June in the fifth year of the Reighn of our Sovereighn Lord James by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c and of Scotland the fortith Anno Salutis 1607.

Vidi et approbavi
William Segar Garter
Principall King
of Arms.

Richard St George
Norroy King of
Armes.

CONFIRMATION OF ARMS AND GRANT OF CREST TO JOHN
KEELINGE OF HACKNEY, CO. MIDDLESEX, ESQ., BY SIR
WILLIAM SEGAR, GARTER, DATED 30TH APRIL, 1632.

[Stowe 677, fo. 53.]

To all and Singular persons Aswell noble men as others to whome these presents shall come Sir William Segar knight alias Garter principall King of Armes sendeth his due salutations and greetinge.

Knowe Yee, that whereas auntiently from the begynning yt hath byn a Costome in all Countrees and Commonwealths well gouerned, that the bearing of Certayne marches in Sheildes Comonly Called Armes haue bin and are the only Sygnes and demonstrations either of prowess and valoure atchyued and gotten in tymes of warre or of good life, and civill conversation, bred in times of peace, That is to say, either by the proffession of the laws of the Realme, degrees in Scholes, Magistracy or from eminent offices in the Comonwealth, beinge diuersly distributed accorddinge to the qualities of the persons demerittinge the same, Amonge which number I finde John Keeling of Hackney in the County of Midd. Esq. second sonne of Thomas Keeling of New Castle under Lyne in the County of Stafford, gent. who beareth for his Cote Armer *quarterly in ye first sable a lyon rampant or supportin a shield argent charged with a Crosse formy fitchy in poynt gules in the second gerondy of eight crmyn and sable the third as the second the fourth as the first:* And wanting further for and ornament unto his said Coate of Armes a Convenient Creast or Cognisance fit to be borne as divers very ancient Coates are found to want, hath requested mee the said Garter to apoynt him such a one as he may Lawfully beare without wronge doing or preiudise to any person or persons whatsoever which according to his due request I have accomplished and graunted in manner and forme following vidz. *One a helme forthe of a Crowne Murall Gules a demy lion Or supporting the like shield as in his Coate Armour is expressed, Mantled and doubled as in the margin** are depicted all which Armes and Creast I the saide Garter doe by these presents Confirme graunt and establish unto the saide John Keling and to his heires for ever, and that it shalbe lawefull for him and them to use beare and shew forth the same in Signett Scales Sheildes ensigne Coate Armour

* Trick of arms and crest in margin with motto: "Desuper Robur Meum."—[ED.]

or otherwise at all tymes with theire due differences According to the Law of armes. In witesse whereof I the said Garter haue hereunto sett my hand and Seale of myne ofice the last day of Aprill An^o Doñi 1632 and the eight yeare of the Reygne of our Souereigne lord Charles by the grace of God King of Greate Brittainne france and Ireland defender of the faith &c.

Willm Segar Garter.

CERTIFICATE OF ARMS AND CREST OF JAMES KEITH OF
AUQUHORSK, CO. ABERDEEN, WRITER TO THE SIGNET,
DATED 1ST JULY, 1809.

[From MS. in possession of the Harleian Society.]

I James Home Esquire of Linhouse one of the Clerks to his Majesty's Signet for Scotland and Deputy to the Right Honourable Thomas Robert, Earl of Kinnoul, Viscount Dupplin &c. &c. &c. Lord Lyon King of Arms Do hereby certify and attest that the Armorial Bearings of M^r James Keith of Auquhorsk Writer to His Majesty's Signet descended of a second son of the family of Auquhorsk who was descended of the family of Marischall are matriculated many years ago in the Public Registers of the Lyon Office and are Blazoned as on the margin thus: *Argent on a Chief Gules three Pallets Or, differenced with a Buckle of the third. Above the Shield ane Helmet befitting his degree Mantled Gules doubled Argent, next is placed upon ane Torse for his crest a dexter hand holding a writing pen proper, the Motto in ane Escroll "Et Loquor et Taceo."* And I farther Certify and Attest from Authentic evidence seen and considered by me that the Reverend Doctor George Skene Keith, Minister at Keith Hall, is eldest lawful son to the late James Keith of Auquhorsk who was the eldest lawful Son of M^r Thomas Keith, sometime Regent in Marischall College of Aberdeen, who was also the eldest and reputed only surviving son of the said James Keith of Auquhorsk Writer to His Majesty's Signet whose Armorial Bearings were matriculated as above mentioned. And of consequence that the said Reverend Dr George Skene Keith is now the representative of the said James Keith of Auquhorsk. In witness whereof these Presents are written and the Shield of Arms emblazoned by John Ker, Herald Painter and Recorder to the Lyon Office of Scotland and subscribed by me and the said John Ker in testimony of the Authenticity hereof at Edinburgh this first day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine years.

James Home.

Lyon Office 1st July 1809.
A true copy from the Registers
of the Lyon Office of Scotland
John Ker, L.A.C.

That James Keith Lieutenant
in the Fourth Regiment of
Native Infantry Bombay is my
eldest son and entitled to wear
the above arms is attested at
Aberdeen this 9th of January
1810 by Geo. Skene Keith D.D.
minister of Keith Hall.

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Report for the Year 1924.

The Council have to report that two new Subscribers have joined the Society. Three Subscribers have resigned (of whom one belonged to the Register Section), and one Subscriber who belonged to the Register Section only has resigned.

The Council regret that the illness of the Secretary has caused some delay in the usual punctual issue of the Society's volumes.

Part II of the Visitations of Kent in 1574 (I—Z) and 1592, edited by the Secretary, forming the seventy-fifth volume of the ordinary Publications, has been issued to the Subscribers for 1924.

A volume containing a Miscellaneous Collection of Grants of Arms, Crests, Confirmations, Augmentations and Exemplifications of Arms, to be edited by Willoughby A. Littledale, Esq., M A., F.S.A., will be issued to the Subscribers for 1925.

Part VI of the Marriage Register of St. Mary le bone, Middlesex, from 1796 to 1801, edited by the Secretary, forming the fifty-fourth volume of the Register Section has been issued to the Subscribers for 1924.

Part VII of the same Register, containing the Marriages from 1801 to 1806, to be edited by the Secretary, will be issued to the Subscribers for 1925.

The Balance Sheet for the year, duly audited, is appended to the Report.

By order of the Council,

W. BRUCE BANNERMAN,
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£415 12 0

REGISTER SECTION.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Balance to 31st December, 1923	43 15 4	Deposit Account (Income) .. .	100 0 0
Subscriptions .. .	146 9 0	Vol. V, St. Mary le bone Marriage Register (1923 Vol.) <i>in progress</i> .. .	
Interest on Deposit, Capital Account .. .	13 5	Transcript of above .. .	18 10 0
Interest on Deposit, Income Account .. .	2 16 4	Balance .. .	75 4 1
	<u>£193 14 1</u>		<u>£193 14 1</u>

GENERAL BALANCE.

	£ s. d.	1924.	£ s. d.
To Balance, Ordinary Section .. .	57 15 4	Dec. 31. By Net Balance in the Bank ..	132 19 5
" Register " .. .	75 4 1		
	<u>£132 19 5</u>		<u>£132 19 5</u>

Examined and approved,

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6th March, 1926.

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